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WEEKS DAYS.

		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.15	4.35	5.43	7.15
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.49	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	1.22	—	4.42	5.50	7.23
Shatin	...Dep.	7.01	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	1.34	—	4.54	6.02	7.35
Taipo	...Dep.	7.15	—	9.48	10.32	12.32	1.47	—	5.07	6.15	7.48
Taipo Market	Dep.	7.20	—	9.53	10.38	12.36	1.51	—	5.11	6.19	7.52
Fanling	...Dep.	7.30	—	10.05	10.48	12.46	2.01	—	5.21	6.30	8.02
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.35	—	10.10	10.51	12.51	2.06	—	5.26	6.35	8.07
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.16	10.57	12.57	2.12	2.55	5.32	6.41	8.13
Canton	...Arr.	—	11.50	5.38	—	—	—	6.03	—	—	—

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Canton	...Dep.	—	—	—	8.05	—	—	—	—	3.20
Shumshun	...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	11.44	3.05	4.48	5.56	—
Fanling	...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.46	—	11.49	3.10	4.52	6.00	—
Taipo Market	Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.56	—	12.00	3.21	5.02	6.10	—
Taipo	...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.07	6.15	—
Shatin	...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.19	3.39	5.20	6.28	—
Yaumati	...Dep.	8.11	8.56	11.25	—	12.31	3.51	5.32	6.40	—
Kowloon	...Arr.	8.17	9.02	11.31	11.49	12.37	3.57	5.38	6.46	7.04

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

		A.M.	A.M.	* A.M.	* A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	2.24	2.15	5.18	7.15
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.49	—	—	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	2.31	—	5.25	7.23
Shatin	...Dep.	7.01	—	—	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	2.43	—	5.38	7.35
Taipo	...Dep.	7.15	—	—	—	9.48	10.32	12.32	2.56	—	5.52	7.48
Taipo Market	Dep.	7.20	—	—	—	9.53	10.36	12.36	3.00	—	5.56	7.52
Fanling	...Dep.	7.30	—	—	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	3.10	—	6.07	8.02
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.35	—	9.07	9.41	10.10	10.51	12.51	3.15	—	6.12	8.07
Shum Chun	..Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	9.47	10.16	10.57	12.57	3.21	2.55	6.18	8.13
Canton	...Arr.	—	11.50	—	—	5.38	—	—	—	6.03	—	—

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Taipo	...Dep.	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.25	—	6.21	—
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THE PROVISIONAL COURT.

SHANGHAI'S NEW PENAL CODE.

16 OFFENCES INVOLVING DEATH SENTENCE.

A set of drastic new criminal laws designed to meet the prevailing serious crime situation has been announced by the Provisional Court authorities and contains a list of 16 offences for which the penalty is to be death by shooting. So far, it is stated, the new code has only been submitted for approval of the Nationalist Government which was recently petitioned by the Provisional Court judges for higher authority in dealing with the local crime situation. It is not to be considered final and is to be put into effect provisionally for a period of six months during which time observations will be made on the deterrent effect of the new code.

The following is a translation of several important points of the new code which states that "whoever commits any of the following offences shall be punished by death:—

16 Capital Offences.

Kidnapping any person for ransom.

Depositing any explosives or despatching any threatening letter with intent to extort money and causing thereby injury to any person.

Manufacturing, keeping or possessing any explosive with intent to disturb public peace and order.

Several persons gathering together and seizing by force any arms, ammunition, vessels, provisions, or other articles for military purposes.

Persons gathering together and occupying any hilly or watery regions against the Government troops.

Inciting any person to disturb public peace and order with violence.

Defeated or straggling soldiers acting together to commit armed robbery or to disturb public peace and order.

Armed smugglers of salt acting together against Government inspectors.

Acting together in numbers to commit robbery.

Being the ringleader and instigator of prisoners gathering together and effecting their escape by committing violence.

In committing robbery, intentional homicide, or causing death or grievous harm to any person, or causing injury to two or more persons.

Committing piracy.

Destroying by fire a structure located in a city, town, or any other densely populated place, a magazine for gunpowder or munitions, a mine, camp, school, hospital, almshouse, factory, dormitory, prison, a church temple, theatre, inn, hotel, or a vessel on which a number of persons are being conveyed.

Cases Of Clemency.

The death punishment prescribed for any of these offences may be reduced by one or two degrees subject to certain general conditions.

The court, which has found that the facts have been proved and sentenced the accused to death in accordance with these Regulations, must submit a complete record of the case to the Chief Justice of the High Court to be transmitted within ten days to the Provincial Government for approval. The sentence also shall not be executed unless confirmed by the government.

The superior commanding officer of a military force may try the case himself if the offence was committed by a military man in active service in the place where the force is stationed, but the sentence may be carried out only after it has been approved by the highest commander of the army concerned, to whom the case must be referred.

Other articles in the new code provide that the death penalty is to be carried out by shooting, and that the names of convicts sentenced to death or life imprisonment, together with dates and facts of the cases, must be reported to the ministry of justice by the chief justice of the High Court on the last day of every month.

MAN IN A "TRANCE."

"PROFESSOR" ON FRAUD CHARGE.

ACCOMPLICE COULD HAVE SCREAMED WITH PAIN.

The story of how an alleged bogus trance scene was worked was told at Halifax, England, when Charles Morritt, aged 63, an entertainer, of Pembroke-road, Bristol, was charged with obtaining £19 16s. 8d. by false pretences.

Mr. J. C. Barber, who prosecuted, said that Morritt had been travelling the theatres and public halls of many districts, where he advertised as "Prof. Morritt, the hypnotist and magic wonder." He appeared at the Victoria Hall Pictures, Halifax, for a week, starting Monday, October 17th, for which he was paid £30, with the right to make collections on the Friday and Saturday.

On the Monday night Morritt called on a man named William Ingham, who was sitting in the hall, and put the man into a "trance." Ingham was then placed in a casket and during the week was brought each night before the audience. On Friday evening Morritt, before bringing the man out of the trance, made a speech saying that he had never seen Ingham before that week. He said that Ingham had five children but only one arm. The audience would probably agree to make a collection for big Mrs. Ingham. Ingham was then brought out of the trance, a process which took 4½ minutes, and the collection was £11 3s. 8d.

The following day Ingham was again brought on to the platform and another appeal was made which realised £8 13s., and it was the money realised by these collections that was the subject of the charge.

"A Fake."

Ingham was represented as being in a trance all the time, but the evidence showed the whole business was a fake from start to finish. Ingham was engaged in answer to an advertisement at a salary of 30s. a week and a share of the collections.

Ingham would say that when he fell off the chair on the stage limp into Morritt's arms on the Monday night he was quite conscious. He heard the "professor" tell the audience the man was in a hypnotic sleep, and could not feel pain. Morritt pushed a needle through his cheek, and Ingham would say that he could have screamed with pain. It was arranged he should remain in the casket and he had three meals each day provided by Morritt.

The Awakening.

On the Friday Morritt spoke to Ingham about the awakening and told him, "I shall shout three times, and on the third shout you must open your eyes half way and then fall back into my arms." This duly happened on the stage.

Morritt had been carrying on a systematic fraud. He had done the same thing at Bacup, where men named Ashton and Gee, who were the trance subjects, could say they were never in a trance; in fact, Ashton would say that as his face was very red Morritt powdered him to make him look more like a man in a trance.

The hearing was adjourned.

THE BIRCH FOR WIFE-BEATING.

LONDON MAGISTRATE REGRETS THAT HE CANNOT ORDER IT.

A girl wife summoned her husband for assault at Old-street Police Court, alleging that he had scratched her face and cut her. The husband made similar allegations against his wife.

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DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Christmas Eve.

Golf: Christmas Meeting, Fanling.

Steeplechase Meeting, Kwanti.

Cricket League:—Division I.: C.S.C.C. *v.* University. Division II.: University 2nd XI. *v.* H.K. Electric Co.; Navy *v.* K.C.C. 2nd XI.

Friendly Cricket: Married *v.* Single (H.K.C.C. ground); Kowloon C.C. *v.* Navy (first day).

Rowing: Annual Race for the Hornell Cup, R.H.K. Yacht Club, 3.30 p.m.

Interport Football Trial: Royal Navy *v.* Probables, H. K. F. C. ground, Happy Valley, 3.45 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.

H.K. Hotel Christmas Eve Carnival.

Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dances, 8 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Chinese Parrot."

World Theatre: "The Last Days of Pompeii."

Star Theatre: "Wandering Husbands."

Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *via* Suez (*Devanha*). Outward: Europe *via* Marseilles, etc. (*Kashgar*), 10.30 a.m.; Europe *via* Siberia (*Devanha*), 5 p.m.

Sunday.

Christmas Day.

First Day of Rejab.

Golf: Christmas Meeting, Fanling.

Farewell Sermon of Rev. H. Copley Moyle, St. John's Cathedral.

"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A. Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Kid Brother."

World Theatre: "The Palm Beach Girl."

Star Theatre: "I.N.R.I."

Monday.

Boxing Day (Bank Holiday).

St. Stephen's Day.

Yachting: Cruisers race for Potts' Challenge Cup to Macao, start 7.30 a.m.

Golf: Christmas Meeting, Fanling.

Fanling Hunt: Meet for Paper Hunt for December Cup at Mr. Pott's Bungalow, 11 a.m.

Cricket: H.K.C.C. *v.* Army (first day); Kowloon C.C. *v.* Navy (second day); University 2nd XI. *v.* R.A.D.C.; Recreio *v.* H.V.D.C.; Married *v.* Single (Craigengower C.C.); H.K. Electric European Staff *v.* Local Staff (I.R.C. ground).

Football:—*Sunday Herald* Charity Cup Competition: Scotland *v.* Portugal; H.K.F.C. ground, 3.45 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Craigengower Cricket Club, 6—9 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Services Social Evening, City Hall.

H.K. Hotel Special Dinnner Dance.

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Queen's Theatre: "The Kid Brother."

World Theatre: "The Palm Beach Girl."

Star Theatre: "I.N.R.I."

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Wednesday.

Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.

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PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

THE KING'S SPEECH.

IMPORTANT SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 22nd.

Parliament was prorogued today and the King's speech was read in the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor and in the House of Commons by the Speaker. The speech referred to the journeys of the Prince of Wales and Prince George to Canada and of the Duke and Duchess of York to New Zealand and other parts of the Dominions. His Majesty rejoiced in their return and had learned from them with deep satisfaction of the loyal and enthusiastic welcome which they invariably experienced throughout their journeys.

Referring to the visit of the President of the French Republic and the French Foreign Minister to London last summer the speech stated the "visit gave fresh evidence of the cordial relations so happily established between my government and the government of the Republic and afforded my people a welcome opportunity of demonstrating their affection for France in the persons of these two eminent statesmen."

"The visit of the King of Egypt was a source of gratification to me and afforded an opportunity for a full exchange of views between the Egyptian Prime Minister and my Foreign Secretary. The frank and friendly nature of the conversation was in itself of good augury for the future and it is my hope that the outcome may prove of lasting benefit to both countries."

His Majesty had watched with profound sympathy and satisfaction the steady growth in influence of the League of Nations and the increasing part which it plays in composing international differences and preserving peace. The recent meeting of the Council at Geneva had marked a further stage in this progress. "My government will continue to base its policy on loyal co-operation with the League."

The speech regretted that, though much community of view was revealed, it was not possible to reach a general agreement at the conference with representatives of the United States and Japan held at Geneva on the question of further limitation of armaments. "But despite this temporary failure my government have no intention of embarking upon an increase of their naval building programme which is based upon a considered view of the defensive needs of my widespread Empire."

His Majesty trusted that the labours of the Indian Commission would be crowned with success and that from their counsels might emerge a system of Government which would give contentment to the people of India and strengthen the bonds that united the Empire. After reference to the new treaty with Irak mention was made of agreements concluded during the year with the Greek and Serbcroat-slovine Governments providing for the settlement of their respective war debts to this country and His Majesty expressed satisfaction that the funding agreement had now been signed in respect of all allied war debts except that of Russia.

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Miss Sarah Cordelia Mellon, niece of the United States Secretary of the Treasury, who ranks financially as one of the world's richest men, was married in Pittsburgh in a setting which established a new record for splendour in this country.

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Pillars Of Gold.

The centre of the pavilion was occupied by a vast ballroom, from the high arched windows of which those present were able to gaze on a fairyland of tropical gardens brilliantly lit by an artificial moon.

The ceiling of the ballroom was a lofty dome, supported on curved pillars of gold, each pillar bearing a great light, while from panels flared enormous electric candles, with bulbs simulating flames. Outside in the fairyland myriads of lights were so arranged that clouds appeared to drift across the sky from time to time. The value of the wedding gifts is estimated at £100,000.

The bridegroom is Mr. Alan Magee Scaife, a scion of an extremely rich Pittsburgh family.

SOCIALIST GRAFT.

A PREMIER AND SYDNEY COUNCIL.

COMMISSION TO CLEAN UP.

SYDNEY.

In the New South Wales Legislative Assembly the new Premier, Mr. Bavin, said that the late Socialist Government left a deficit of £4,250,000.

"I believe," he added, "that the financial outlook, though full of difficulties, is not so grave that we cannot deal with it successfully. The Government is determined to devote all its energies to the restoration of public confidence."

Mr. Bavin also announced that he will immediately introduce a Bill to place the administration of the City of Sydney under a Commission in consequence of graft methods characterising the existing City Council which has a Socialist majority. His proposal is to appoint a commission for two years. In the first year it will clean up the present mess, and in the second it will establish a sound system for the future.

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Do. (old)	$9 45 x. div. buy.
Do. (new)	$6½ x. div. buy.
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Macao Electrics	$44 buy.
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China Buses	Tls. 6½ nom.
Singapore Tractions	11/9 buy.
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Amsterdam	12.07.5
Stockholm	18.07
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Milan	92¾
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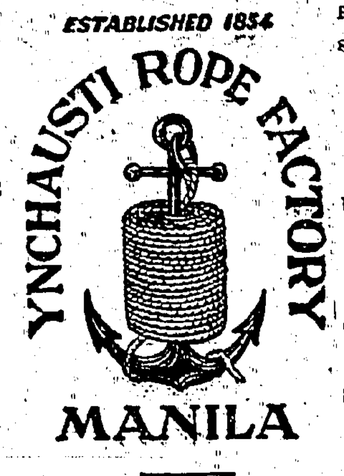

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The annual dinner of the China Association was held in the King Edward VII. Rooms at the Hotel Victoria, Northumberland-avenue, on November 21st. The Rt. Hon. Lord Southborough, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., K.C.S.I., the President, was in the chair, and the gathering was a large one, representative of the Government, the forces of the Crown and the leading British financial and commercial interests in China.

Supporting the Chairman on his right were:—Rt. Hon. Viscount Peel, G.B.E., Mr. L. N. Leefe, Sir William Rees Davies, K.C., Lieut.-General Sir A. Hunter-Weston, K.C.B., D.S.O., M.P., Sir James H. Stewart Lockhart, K.C.M.G., Rear-Admiral B. Domvile, C.B., C.M.G., Sir Robert Waley Cohen, K.B.E., Sir Herbert Read, K.C.M.G., C.B., Mr. Archibald Rose, C.I.E., Sir Victor Wellesley, K.C.M.G., C.B., Mr. H. W. Looker, M.P., Sir Edward Crowe, C.M.G., Dr. Harold Williams, Mr. S. F. Mayers, Sir E. Denison Ross, C.I.E., Brig.-General M. E. Willoughby, C.B., C.M.G., C.S.I., and Lieut.-Colonel R. K. Morcom, C.B.E. On the Chairman's left were:—Rt. Hon. Earl Stanhope, D.S.O., M.C., Mr. Stanley H. Dodwell, Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Hilton Young, G.B.E., D.S.O., M.P., Sir Francis Aglen, G.C.M.G., K.B.E., Lieut.-General Sir Hastings Anderson, K.C.B., Lieut.-General Sir George Macdonogh, G.B.E., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Sir Herbert Creedy, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., Mr. David Landale, Mr. C. F. Whigham, Sir Gilbert Grindle, K.C.M.G., C.B., Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., Sir William Beresford Whyte, K.C.B., C.M.G., Sir William H. Clark, K.C.S.I., C.M.G., Sir Claud Severn, K.B.E., C.M.G., Sir Harry Goschen, Bart., K.B.E., Mr. John Swire and Sir Arthur Yapp.

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THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The Chairman, proposing the toast of "His Majesty's Ministers," said: With some experience of the kind of thing, he had become more and more astonished every year as to how it was that some sixteen or twenty distinguished men could be found to grapple with the enormous problems of the Government of the British Empire. They drank their health, for that was one interpretation of the term toast, but toast might also mean to scorch by fire—(laughter)—and that was the more frequent application. The congestion of world-wide business had in fact a bearing upon the difficulties which surrounded the great questions affecting the minds of all. They had, for instance, the keen desire of the young ladies of Britain to vote for His Majesty's Ministers—and others—(laughter)—and at the same time they were confronted with the apparently fixed determination of the Hindus to decline the vote either for themselves or for anybody else. It was, in fact, with His Majesty's Ministers a case of everything "from Peru to China." His noble friend, Lord Peel, First Commissioner of Works, who had honoured them with his presence that evening—(applause)—would find that there were genii in that Association who would at once put him upon a mystic carpet and waft him away to the Far East. It was at that annual dinner of the China Association that they liked to speak of the high and important part the Association had played for many years in China and in London. They liked to feel that the great trading interests which were being assisted by that Association had done much to magnify the position of the British Empire in the Far East—and what was true of their people had been of equal import and assistance to the Chinese themselves. (Hear, hear). He would have liked for a few moments after dinner to deal lightly with the subject of China, but they all recognised that their hearts were not light when they thought of the chaos and misery which existed in that great country. They were bound, then, as an Association, to think seriously and sadly of the troubled state of things. A few days ago the China Committee, which was in alliance with their Association, expressed some of its views in *The Times*, and so important were the points upon which they felt keenly that he should like to refer to them again specifically. They were well aware, of course, of the difficulties of the constructive policy. They desired to give adhesion to the principle of Nationalism in China, but until this Nationalism was able to furnish more evidence of constructive and administrative capacity they felt that the safeguards under which British trade had been hitherto constructed ought not to be further weakened. (Applause.) They held that the surrender of the British Concession at Hankow had been extremely harmful to British commercial interests there—(Hear, hear)—and in the Yangtsze Valley. They held that safeguards represented by the other British Concessions ought for the time being to be maintained. (Applause.)

They were strongly of the opinion that negotiations for radical changes in the British Concession at Tientsin ought not to be conducted. (Hear, hear.) They were advised and believed that abandonment of existing safeguards and rights was more dangerous to British trade than a boycott, dangerous as that had proved itself to be, and further they held that both property and British merchants in China were entitled to protection, that the present position of the ex-British Concession at Hankow was a menace to both, and that the only way to remove the menace was for His Majesty's Government to administer that former Concession until such time as the Chinese were able and willing to give effect to the Chen-O'Malley Agreement. (Applause.) Having said so much he desired to express on their behalf to His Majesty's Government their grateful thanks for the timely aid which had been accorded by the Navy. (Applause.) Under the command of his friend, Admiral Tyrwhitt, who was with them on the occasion of their last annual diner, and he put it on their behalf in that connection the presence that night of the noble Earl, on his left, who occupied the exacting position of Civil Lord of the Admeralty. They were also thankful for the despatch of that first-rate fighting force which had been sent by His Majesty's Government to Shanghai. (Applause.) The most important place in their eyes, the spiritual home in the Far East of many who were present that evening. (Laughter.) They should never look too close at a simile; they are often entitled not to be seen. (Laughter.) They had now arrived at the point where he desired to say a word with regard to the China question. Some of their friends, both at home and abroad—more perhaps of the latter than of the former—were disposed to wonder whether it would not be possible to bring some more effective pressure to bear upon the counsels of His Majesty's Government. (Hear, hear.) They did not know as much about these things, he believed, as his noble friend, and even other statesmen. He had heard and listened to appeals to pay a visit to the Opposition, whatever it be, but the position was one which he could not recall. There was no great and vigorous opposition of an official character prepared to take up any case against the Government for the time being, presumably because it was the Opposition's duty to oppose. Then again, they had been told that surely this was the time when they ought to pray for something in the nature of the old statecraft; could it not be possible to find another Lord Palmerston? There was a great deal more to be said than that. Lord Palmerston, curiously enough, had a fracas with China himself, and dealt with it in true Palmerstonian fashion. Having dealt his blow, he immediately forced a general election on the country and won it, as he would have said, hands down. That was evidence of vigour, but there was more behind it. While he was engaged in settling the China question of that day and winning his election in this country, the people here, throughout the length and breadth of the land, were paralysed by the horrors of the Indian Mutiny. (Here, Lord Southborough quoted from a book showing another side to Lord Palmerston—while Colin Campbell was moving towards Lucknow, Palmerston was rating their Office of Works about the nuisance of iron hurdles in the Park.) Thanking Lord Peel for his presence, the chairman concluded by stating that if during his morning ride round the Park Lord Peel would think of Lord Palmerston, he was quite sure they would have a friend of their case in China. (Laughter and applause.)

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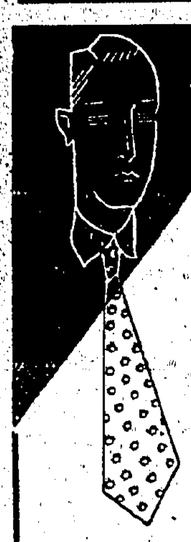

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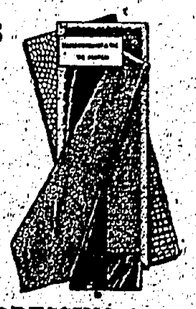

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His Lordship, the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) addressed these words at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon to Sandi Khan, the Indian motor driver who had been found guilty of the manslaughter, of a young Chinese woman, whom his car knocked down in Connaught Road, West Point, on the night of November 21st. The term of imprisonment imposed was two years' hard labour.

Yesterday afternoon was mostly occupied by the addresses of Counsel to jury and the summing up.

In the morning several witness were called for the defence and subjected to a lengthy cross-examination. Mr. Fitzroy prosecuted and Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jun., appeared for the defence.

Mr. C. Bernard Brown, the employer of prisoner, said that on the evening in question he drove the car from the Hong Kong Club to Jardine's corner, arriving there at 8.5. Prisoner then took the car. Standing orders were that he should return it to the garage, which should have been reached half-an-hour later. Sandi Khan had been in witness's employ for six months, and except for one occasion, when he was drunk, had given entire satisfaction.

Constable's Evidence.

The Indian constable who was in the car when the accident took place said that when they approached the godowns the speed of the car was about 10 miles an hour. They knocked down two people, and prisoner sounded his horn once. The car then collided with a lamp post. Witness told the prisoner to stop, but he refused.

An Indian watchman who was also in the car, cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, said that the car struck something, and he was thrown off the seat on to the floor of the car. This closed the case for the defence.

Address For Defence.

Addressing the jury, Mr. Leo d'Almada, junior, said that before he began his address on behalf of the prisoner, he had been asked by prisoner to express his regret for the accident, which was beyond his control, and also, as this was prisoner's first opportunity of doing so, his regret to the relatives of the deceased that the young woman had lost her life as a result of the accident. Prisoner also regretted that other people had been injured.

Mr. d'Almada went on to say that before the jury could convict prisoner of manslaughter they had to find that he was guilty of gross culpable negligence. They must find him guilty on the evidence alone. Counsel proceeded to review the evidence tendered by the Crown, and submitted that it was unsatisfactory and highly contradictory.

Referring to the evidence of the principal witness of the Crown, a cargo coolie, this man had said that the car was going at a very fast speed. Against that they had the evidence of prisoner himself and of two constables, one of whom was standing in the road, and the other riding in the car. These witnesses stated that the car was going slowly at the time of the accident. A coolie also made the extraordinary statement that he was the only one working out of 43 coolies, who had apparently slacked off and were sitting down apparently doing no work at all.

The statement that the car swerved out of its course had not been corroborated by any other witnesses.

Counsel went on to submit that the speed stated of 40—45 miles an hour was impossible under the circumstances. Some of the jury were motorists, no doubt, and he asked them if it was possible for a Buick touring car to leave a certain spot and accelerate within 200 yards to a speed of 40—45 miles an hour.

As to the constable's evidence that he recognised prisoner when the car passed him at the alleged speed, if the car had passed at the speed stated in broad daylight it would have been exceedingly difficult for anyone to have recognised the driver. How much more so would it be at night? The constable would further have been dazzled by the light on the car, yet in spite of all that he said that he recognised these people, when the car was travelling at 40—45 miles an hour.

Counsel submitted that the car was travelling at a much slower rate than alleged by the Crown, and that therefore the constable was able to recognise prisoner.

Referring to Inspector Alexander's evidence as to prisoner's record as a driver and of his having two convictions for negligent driving, Counsel argued that with only two convictions during six or seven years driving in Hong Kong it might be claimed that prisoner had a good record. These convictions might have happened to any motorist.

Referring to Mr. Brown's evidence with regard to warning prisoner on one occasion when he was said to have been drunk, Mr. d'Almada said that there was no proof that prisoner was under the influence of intoxicating liquor when the accident occurred. The fact that he had been able to negotiate difficult corners, and congested traffic on the lower levels, after taking Mr. Bernard Brown to his residence was proof that prisoner was capable of driving the car.

Counsel further commented on the fact that out of 43 cargo coolies, near the scene of the mishap, the Crown had only seen fit to call one of them to give evidence in this case. The evidence for the Crown, counsel submitted, was highly unsatisfactory and most contradictory.

Mr. Fitzroy in replying said that prisoner had shown a total disregard to human life. It was a case of reckless driving and there was no attempt to render any assistance. No satisfactory explanation had been offered by the defence and this was not the first time prisoner had been accused of negligent driving.

The Summing Up.

In the course of his summing up, which commenced at 3.12 p.m. and lasted only 20 minutes, His Lordship said that this was a most important case, as it involved the whole question as to the way in which the road should be used by drivers and by pedestrians. It was a subject on which they all had strong opinions, and the Law took a wide and reasonable view of the question. Both driver and pedestrian had certain rights on the road, and both were expected to exercise reasonable care toward each other for mutual safety.

His Lordship reviewed the evidence and mentioned that the statements as to speed were vague.

In conclusion His Lordship further instructed the jury as to the law governing cases of this character.

The jury retired at 3.34 p.m., and after a short absence returned a verdict of "Guilty."

Before sentencing the prisoner, His Lordship asked Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro jnr. if he wished to say anything.

Counsel replied that in view of the prisoner's past record as a driver he would ask that a fine be imposed. He understood it had been done in the court before in a manslaughter case which occurred in 1907 or 1908.

His Lordship replied he could not possibly impose a fine. On the evidence the jury had found against the prisoner and he thought the evidence was very much against the prisoner.

The Sentence.

Addressing the prisoner His Lordship said:—You have been convicted by the jury on clear evidence of having driven this car in a most reckless manner on the night in question. There is not a redeeming feature in the whole case. You ran over four people, killing one, and you went off without paying the slightest attention to the people that you had injured. You say that you went away because you were afraid of being injured by the coolies.

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FIGHT ABOARD A JUNK.

HUSBAND, WIFE AND IRON BAR.

AMENITIES IN COURT.

After 24 years of moderately peaceful married life a quarrel between husband and wife, following the latter stopping her husband, a boatman, from taking a junk to sea led to a sharp dispute which had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday noon, before Mr. W. Schofield. The husband summoned his wife for assaulting him on November 26th, on board his junk.

Mr. H. F. Loseby appeared for complainant, and defendant was not legally represented.

It was alleged by complainant that during the quarrel his wife picked up a bar of iron and struck him on the nose, necessitating his attendance at a Chinese public dispensary in Wanchai. The quarrel arose over the question of the re-employment of a former steersman when defendant claimed that the junk was hers.

Defendant. The junk was mine. It was constructed seven years ago On account of this I owe people $3,700.

Complainant: No. The junk was ordered by me. I know nothing about her debts.

Defendant: The quarrel was not over the former steersman, but about the junk. Chan Chau was paid off a month ago.

Complainant: I made a report to the Water Police to have Chan Chau arrested, but he could not be found.

Defendant: He struck me with an iron bar first. I warded it off with my arm. In doing so the iron bar struck him on the nose. His brother helped him also.

Tried To Get Her Husband Arrested.

In giving evidence, defendant said that complainant had stolen all the accessories from the junk. She had reported the matter to the Police and tried to get him arrested, but he had hidden himself. The accessories taken away comprised five pieces of wire rope, five anchors, two pieces of canvas, thirteen fire-arms, and 200 rounds of ammunition.

His Worship: If you are going to dispute about the fire-arms and accessories you can go before the Civil Court. I am not concerned with this.

Defendant further said that during the quarrel a woman friend arrived to inquire about the repayment of the debt. Complainant had said that he was not going to pay any debt and was not responsible as he did not borrow the money. Defendant told him they could not sail unless he paid the debt, and her husband then struck her two blows with a bar of iron, and in doing so the bar rebounded and grazed his nose. She had been assaulted very often by him.

Mr. Loseby: As you say you have been often assaulted, why do you have your junk registered in the name of your husband?

Defendant: He forced me to do so, otherwise he would have assaulted me more.

Mr. Loseby: Where have you been living since the assault.

Defendant: I am now living with my relatives at Wanchai.

Mr. Loseby: Is Chan Chau living at your relatives' house with you?

Defendant: No.

Mr. Loseby: Since the assault have you lived with Chan Chau as his wife?

Defendant: No.

After further evidence, His Worship ordered defendant to sign a personal bond of $100 to be of good behaviour for one year and keep the peace.

Your own witness, Noor Mohamed, contradicts you and says that he tried to make you stop but you refused to stop. The fact that you drove off in that way is no part of this case, but still it is a matter that one had to keep in mind when considering your state of mind on this evening.

Some drivers in Hong Kong think that they have a complete right to the road and that everybody must get out of their way. You seem to think, according to one of your answers, that when you blow the horn, anybody who is in the road has to get out of your way, I want to make drivers clearly to understand that the man who is walking on the road has as much right to the road as the driver, and the people who are walking are not to be chased by motor cars or run over by them in the future. You have killed this unfortunate girl and her death is simply due to your recklessness. The sentence of the court is two years' hard labour.

With this case, the Criminal Sessions for the present month concluded. His Lordship thanked the jurors for their patience.

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WHY IT IS THE MILITARISTS' OBJECTIVE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

A triangular struggle for Canton is in progress. The parties and their leaders are the Kwangsi group led by Generals Pei Tsung Tsi, Li Chung Jen, Li Tsai Hsin, and Wong Shiu Hung; Kwangtung, with the Chiang Kai Shek-Wang Ching Wei alliance; and a new Kwangtung party with General Chen Ming Shu as the leader and General Li Fook Lam and others likely to join upon arrangement of terms satisfactory to all concerned. So far General Li Fook Lam is in the most favourable position and all cliques have assured his position in Honam.

Generals Fong Ting Ying and Mau Pei Nam have been invited by the Political Council in Canton to become presiding officers of the Military Commission. In reality, however, General Li Fook Lam is now head of the Military Commission in Canton.

The present Government in Canton will probably favour General Chen Ming Shu, but they will oppose General Chen Tsai Tong and, of course, the "Reds."

Pending a settlement as to who is to rule Canton, a subordinate and close follower of General Li Fook Lam will act as garrison commissioner of Canton City.

LOYALTY NEEDED.

Canton's wealth has not proved an undiluted blessing. Because of it militarists and political parties are perpetually fighting to control the City. Its own people show a lack of loyalty to their province and are far less active than they should be in its defence. Also it is easier to raise money there than in most parts of China.

In Canton the exact rent a property owner receives monthly and the amount of capital a merchant possesses are always known and by exacting a certain part of the rent yearly or monthly or by asking for part of a man's invested capital, the militarists and politicians are able to gather in what they want. In September, the Government succeeded in getting more than $6,000,000 by demanding $10,000,000. Everything done on a large scale is monopolized, from pulling a ricksha to selling aerated waters or the opening of a private school. A citizen can do nothing without paying something beyond regular license fees.

Any clique with say $5,000,000 to $10,000,000 can recruit gangs of outlaws into an army, and if Canton City is taken, this sum can be easily recouped by letting out on easy terms the various monopolies. Besides this there are the official revenues. The latest figures give the monthly receipts of Kwangtung as over $8,000,000.

The Kuomintang are considering the releasing of all owners of destroyed properties from arrears due on taxes.

Members of certain labour unions are still suspected of "Red" leanings and the search for participants in the "Red" uprising still continues, but a hearing is given before punishment is inflicted.

THE RELIEF PROBLEM.

Except for making extra provisions for free hospital treatment, there appears to be no definite programme for Canton relief. Those in charge in Canton have been too busy the last few days to take up the matter while those outside are naturally withholding support until they know what the relief programme will be.

If everything is satisfactory, the native banks may resume business next Monday. The Government is asking everyone to accept the Central Bank of China notes as legal tender, but lack of confidence in the Bank, though it is backed by the Authorities, has made business difficult. The notes in Canton have returned to 92, but in Hong Kong are quoted at only 89.

All the Left Wing leaders of the Kuomintang in Canton have tendered their resignation, but actually they are still directing policy and affairs, though in the names of others. Mr. Kan Nei Kuang, the Acting Canton Mayor, is to go to America to study. Mr. Kan was to have gone to Germany soon after the party cleaning campaign of April 15th last, but he re-appeared in Canton.

JOSS BANKNOTES.

SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN CUSTOMS.

CANTONESE MORE SUPERSTITIOUS.

[BY C. L. C.]

Joss customs in China varied in different provinces, but, on the whole the Cantonese are more superstitous than their Northern brothers. In all Southern provinces, the people fear many gods and also worship the spirits of eminent men departed from this world. The devils are also feared.

Yesterday in the case in which four Chinese were charged with the alleged forgery of the Central Bank of China notes (reported, elsewhere), Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, for the defence, produced a note which the Chinese used for "joss" purposes. A Shanghai Chinese witness said that he was not acquainted with the customs in Hong Kong and therefore could not say whether or no such notes were burnt to the gods or devils.

Having been a resident in Shanghai for some years, I have always found the Chinese there almost devoid of superstitous beliefs. Throughout the year, they have only a very few religious observances to perform. They are quite ready to talk of funerals, sickness or death on a New Year day, but to the Cantonese such conversation is strictly taboo. Nor are the Cantonese women allowed to dress their hair on New Year's morning, for they believe that it will certainly bring bad luck to the household. In Shanghai, the women do not believe this.

In Hong Kong, one is not allowed to sweep the floor on New Year's day, but in Shanghai and all Northern provinces this is not observed. Where Southern people are not allowed to eat meat or fish on New Year's day, Northerners treat themselves to a sumptuous feed.

In the South, various kinds of joss money are burnt to devils. Some of them resembled a Mexican dollar, some a sovereign and the latest vogue is to offer banknotes to the needy inhabitants of the nether world. These banknotes are very well produced, the manufacturer using copper plates and lithographic stones for them.

In Shanghai, the people are either more hard-hearted or too hard up to offer money to the departed. When a death occurs in a family he or she will be mourned for a short time, and after that quite forgotten. No joss offerings are burnt.

Further North, in Peking and Tientsin, the people have different customs again.

THE LATE MR. C. KLINK.

APPLICATION FOR PROBATE AT SHANGHAI.

BIG HONG KONG ESTATE.

In the United States Court for China, at Shanghai, on Monday, Mr. F. J. Schuhl presented the will of the late Mr. Charles Klink for probate, and informed Judge M. D. Purdy that an estate of about Tls. 200,000 had been left in Hong Kong, and about Tls. 15,000 in Shanghai. Mr. R. T. Bryan, Jr., represented a daughter of deceased in Manila.

Judge Purdy ordered the usual publication of citations for three weeks.

Mr. Schuhl requested the Court's permission to question Mr. S. H. Lewis, who drew up the will, as the latter intended leaving for Penang before the end of the year.

Permission being granted, Mr. Lewis said that he drew up the will in January, this year, whilst deceased was confined in the Victoria Nursing Home. At all times his mind seemed clear, whilst witness took instructions.

Replying to his Honour, witness said that deceased died in September, this year.

Mr. Bryan elicited from witness that deceased left hospital before he died, and that Captain Messer, husband of one daughter, who is to receive a large part of the income, asked witness to call on the late Mr. Charles Klink. According to the provisions of the will, a son in America is to receive Hk.$12,000, there is a trust fund of Hk. $50,000 for a blind son in Hong Kong, of the residue counsel's client has a life interest in one-quarter, her son to have the principal on her death, whilst Mrs. Messer is to receive three-quarters of the residue. Witness also told the Court that there had been a former will, which deceased, after adding a codicil, destroyed.

His Honour over-ruled Mrs. Bryan's questions regarding the provisions of the destroyed document and the case was adjourned.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

THROWING CORROSIVE FLUID.

CASE FROM YAUMATI.

Some time ago a Chinese goldsmith, of Shanghai Street, Yaumati, was charged with throwing corrosive fluid upon a Chinese girl of a certain house, namely, No. 123, Temple Street, Yaumati.

The case was committed to the Criminal Sessions, but yesterday it was again brought up before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, having been adjourned from the Monday.

Another girl at the same house said that on November 19th, shortly after 11 p.m., she saw defendant come in, but later he left, and then returned within a short time, in company with two other men. They entered the kitchen, as defendant had done on his first visit. This was about midnight, and shortly afterwards defendant's companions left the house. Defendant followed complainant into a room with a bottle wrapped in paper in his hand. Witness saw him remove the cork from the bottle, and not long after, when complainant and defendant had gone downstairs witness heard complainant crying. Complainant told witness that defendant had sprinkled something over her and damaged her coat.

The case was adjourned until Friday next, at 11 a.m.

SEDITIOUS LITERATURE.

Another charge of being in possession of seditious literature was opened yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy, before Mr. W. Schofield, when seven Chinese, one woman and six men, were charged.

Sergt. Haywood prosecuted, and Mr. Hin Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli, defended the third defendant, a man, but the other defendants were unrepresented.

All defendants entered pleas of "not guilty."

According to the police evidence, Sergt. Haywood, acting on behalf of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, paid a visit to No. 2, Wai Ching Street, 3rd floor, Yaumati, with a party of District watchmen to search the premises. Going up the stairs, the party met on the landing of the first floor, the third defendant, was was on the way down.

This man was taken upstairs, and on the second floor were encountered two other men, the fifth and sixth defendants, who were also taken up to the third floor. On entering this floor, two men, the first and fourth defendants were seen sitting together, while a woman, the second defendant, was seen sitting with a child in her arms.

When the first defendant saw the police, he ran to the verandah, and a watchman who followed him saw him put some papers into the drain-pipe. The watchman recovered these papers, and the Sergeant found other pamphlets on the floor. The seven defendants were then arrested and taken to the Police Station.

The Translations.

The alleged seditious documents have been translated, and they are of the usual character. They contain an elaborate account of the success of the "Reds" at Canton and the overthrow of the Nanking Government by peasants and "Reds." One of the most interesting passages is an exhortation to oppose the Hong Kong Government for their arrests of labourers.

The first defendant said that the pamphlets were brought to the floor by the principal tenant.

The second defendant claimed that the pamphlets had nothing to do with her. They were found on the floor, but she knew nothing about them.

The other defendants all denied complicity.

As there was no evidence against the woman, his Worship discharged her.

His Worship adjourned the case until January 3rd, at 2.15 p.m.

A HABITUAL OFFENDER.

A veteran Chinese who was moving about in Mongkok like many honest men could not altogether deceive the police, and he was taken for investigation and identified as a persistent offender.

The man's record showed three previous convictions for theft. He had been banished altogether seven times with an order the last time never to return to the Colony.

This persistent disregard of the law was seriously viewed by Mr. W. Schofield, the Kowloon Magistrate, who in passing sentence of twelve months' hard labour ordered also 24 strokes of the birch.

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"THRIFTY AND INDUSTRIOUS."

CHINESE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER'S WILL.

REWARD FOR A GOOD SON.

"I have led the life of one who has been industrious, thrifty, faithful and right-minded," states a Chinese in his will, probate of which has just been granted.

The estate is not very much, but the testator, Lau Po Son, *alias* Lau Tuk Hing, a commercial traveller, of Tung Kun district, Kwangtung Province, managed to save by his industry and thrift the sum of $1,500, which he deposited in the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

The testator was 59 years of age when he died on August 11th this year, and it appears that he made his will the day before he died. He states in his will that he was dangerously ill when making it and unable to write it himself.

Probate has been granted to his elder son, Lau Shiu Fook, a schoolmaster, residing at No. 328 Queen's Road West.

In his will testator states: "I have had two sons and two daughters, but before these I bought a son, who stays in the country and does not attend to business or any occupation, roaming about and addicted to licentiousness."

Testator continues that the elder of his own two sons has been filial in his duty to his father and mother.

"I come of a poor family," continues testator, "but through being industrious and thrifty in life I have saved $1,500, which I deposited with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. I give this money to my elder son as a token of my affection towards him."

CHANGES IN THE POLICE FORCE.

PROMOTION FOR INSPECTOR KENT.

A number of changes will take place as from January 1st in the higher ranks of the Hong Kong Police Force.

Chief Inspector W. Kent will be promoted to the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police. Inspector Peter Grant, in charge of the Western Division, will, in addition to his own duties, be Acting Chief Inspector. With the increasing needs of the Kowloon district, Inspector C. Aris will be promoted to Acting Chief Inspector (Kowloon).

As a result of these appointments, Hong Kong and the mainland will each have a Deputy Superintendent, an Assistant Superintendent and Chief Inspector.

STOLEN TELEPHONE WIRE.

The workman of the Telephone Company who was charged with theft of wire from the installation at the Peninsula Hotel was convicted at Kowloon yesterday.

Addressing the defendant, Mr. Schofield said there was no proof that he actually cut the wires, but he had admitted that he was carrying it away without any orders or permission. It was clear that defendant intended to dispose of the wire for his own benefit. The sentence would therefore be three months' hard labour.

COMMERCIAL PRESS EMPLOYEE CHARGED.

The Chinese printer employed by the Commercial Press, and three others who were arrested on a charge of forging the Central Bank of China, Canton, notes, appeared on remand before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday. The first accused was charged with the actual forgery, and was defended by Mr. Horace Lo. The three others were charged with *aiding and abetting, and were represented* by Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones.

Evidence given yesterday was to the effect that the three men approached an employee of the Commercial Press to make a design of the Central Bank of China notes on a copper plate and offered $40 for the job.

The first defendant took on the job and was said to have got the photographer of the Commercial Press, to make a design for it.

In the afternoon Mr. Hugh-Jones cross-examined the photographer as to how the design was made. A joss paper note was also produced for the witness to say how it could be made. The evidence was of a technical nature. The case was then adjourned.

THE WOMEN OF JAPAN.

A GREAT EMANCIPATION.

WHAT THEY WERE AND WHAT THEY ARE NOW.

CHANGES AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE.

[BY C. L. C.]

The Japanese woman have certainly changed very much since the Great Earthquake. When I first saw into the land of cherry blossom and wisturia, about a decade ago, I found shy and demure maidens everywhere. Women were then not allowed to partake of food with men. A wife would stand quietly near the table serving her husband and would only take her meal after the master of the house had finished. She was not allowed to speak until she was spoken to.

When out shopping or visiting with her husband, a wife would have to walk about five paces behind him. Young unmarried women were rarely seen in the streets, and they certainly were not allowed to talk to men of their own age. Any woman defying this old traditional custom, which had been handed down to the Japanese by the Chinese, would be classed as a *geisha* girl or worse.

But to-day everything has changed. The spirit of the new age, which crept in after the great disaster of 1923, has wrought such a change in Japanese women, that Japanese men of the old school are beginning to wonder to what pass this great emancipation will bring Japan.

To-day young *mishimi sans* are walking the streets with their boys. School boys go to and fro their schools with their feminine class mates. Young women are natural and cheerful in the company of young men. Young couples in love saunter about the streets arm in arm.

The Japanese orthodox morality has been totally discarded, the younger people simply defy criticism and mock Aunt Grundy.

Look at the attire of the new age. One cannot fail to notice something *chic* about it. The gait of the modern girls sets them off as distinct from the women of old Japan. Their arrogant easy walking is a deliberate condemnation of the humble and modest manner of the older women. Their hair is bobbed and they dance the Charleston. They are eager to display their beauty and their faces are painted and rouged. Their short legs, the chief defect in Japanese beauty are smartly camouflaged by Japanese clothes. Some of them dress in western garments and walk the streets with vanity bags in their hands.

Even entirely proper young maidens, like French and English sisters, wear an expression which seems to say that they are ready to be friendly with the other sex. They smile at boys and are as friendly and natural and self possessed as a Western woman.

This emancipation came about after the earthquake, but prior to that, there were Japanese girls working in offices and in professions, but their number was very insignificant. Those women who had survived the havoc in and near the city of Tokyo in 1923, at once assumed a positive attitude towards life and have evolved their present mood. Their ideas for the liberation of women at once took definite shape.

The first thing they did was to patronise dance halls, much to the horror and disgust of the men folk, who went so far as to appeal to the City Father to suppress public dancing just as once there was a movement in England to pass a law against waltzing. This was done, and in some prefectures in Japan to-day public dancing is prohibited. Men have made quite a strenuous fight to put the women back to their old place, but in the end, the fair sex won.

Men of the older school in Japan are to-day shaking their heads at the thought of their wilful daughters. All they can do is to hope for the best.

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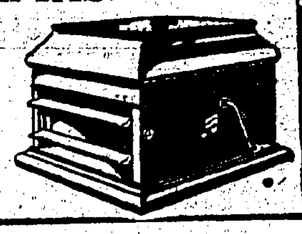

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On behalf of the Church Body,
C. BLAKER,
Hon. Secretary.
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT ORESP HURLEY, LATE OF VICTORIA IN THE COLONY OF HONG KONG, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of The Probates Ordinance 1897 (No. 3 of 1847), made an Order limiting the Time for sending in Claims to or against the above Estate to the 22ND Day of JANUARY, 1928.

Creditors and Claimants are hereby required to send their Claims to the Undersigned by the above Date.

Dated this 23rd day of December 1927.

HUGH ADAIR NISBET,
Official Administrator.
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THE HONG KONG IRON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

To—

DR KARL JUSTI.

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Directors in the above named Company require you on or before the 7TH Day of JANUARY, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-eight to pay the Sum of TEN DOLLARS Per Share due from you in respect of the 3RD CALL on the Shares set out against your respective Names hereunder:—

DR. KARL JUSTI ..... 25 Shares
Nos 9551/9575

together with Interest thereon at the Rate of $12 Per Cent. Per Annum from the 2nd JUNE, 1922, up to This Day and that in the event of Non-payment of the said Call and Interest on or before the said 7TH day of JANUARY, 1928, at the Offices of MESSRS. THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED, 8, CHATER ROAD, Victoria, Hong Kong, the Shares in respect of which such Call was made will be liable to Forfeiture.

Dated the 23rd day December, 1927.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd December, 1927.
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THE HONG KONG IRON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

To—

ERNST DE BAVIER,
HERMANN JOHN MANDL &
HUGO SUTER

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Directors in the above named Company require you on or before the 7TH Day of JANUARY, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-eight to pay the Sum of TWENTY DOLLARS Per Share due from you in respect of the 2ND and 3RD CALLS and of TEN DOLLARS on the Shares set out against your respective Names hereunder:—

ERNST DE BAVIER .....50 Shares
Nos. 8191/8240
HERMANN JOHN MANDL 50 Shares
Nos. 9201/9250
HUGO SUTER..... 5 Shares
Nos. 9471/9475

together with Interest thereon at the Rate of $12 Per Cent. Per Annum from the 17th day of JULY, 1917, on the 2nd Call and 12 Per Cent. from 2nd JUNE, 1921, as regards the 3rd Call up to This Day and that in the event of Non-payment of the said Calls and Interest on or before the said 7TH Day of JANUARY, 1928, at the Offices of MESSRS. THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED, 8, CHATER ROAD, Victoria, Hong Kong, the Shares in respect of which such Calls were made will be liable to Forfeiture.

Dated the 23rd day of December, 1927.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 23rd December, 1927.
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INTIMATIONS.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY and TUESDAY, the 26TH and 27TH INSTANT. (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS).
Hong Kong, 21st Dec., 1927. [5687

FANLING HUNT.

BOXING DAY PAPER HUNT.

THE MEET for the DECEMBER CUP will be at MR. POTTS' BUNGALOW at 11 A.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH. [5683

FANLING HUNT STEEPLECHASES.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, AT 3.15 P.M.

ADMISSION to Public Enclosure, $1.00. Ladies Free.
Admission to Subscribers' Enclosure on production of Badge only.
Subscribers can introduce Two Ladies Free, and Two Non-members at $5.00 Each.
Cars parked on the Racecourse: $5.00 Each.
Tickets obtainable from DR. F. PIERCE GROVE, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.
SPECIAL TRAINS—Return Fare: 1st Class, $1.50; 2nd Class, 90 Cents. Leaves Kowloon 2.00 P.M. SPECIAL EXPRESS Returns 5.41 P.M. Which allows Plenty of Time to prepare for the Xmas Eve Festivities. [5669

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

HOLIDAY MATCHES.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH.
INTERPORT TRIAL.
PROBABLES v. ROYAL NAVY.
HONG KONG CLUB GROUND.
Kick off at 3.45 P.M. Sharp.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH.
SUNDAY HERALD INTERNATIONAL CHARITY CUP COMPETITION.
SCOTLAND v. PORTUGAL.
HONG KONG CLUB GROUND.
Kick off at 3.45 P.M. Sharp.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH.
ENGLAND v. SOUTH CHINA.
HONG KONG CLUB GROUND.
Kick off at 3.45 P.M. Sharp.

Full Time in all These Games. ALL PAY. [5698

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING:
13TH, 14TH, 15TH & 18TH FEBRUARY, 1928.

DRAFT Programmes and Entry Forms are Now Ready and may be obtained at the RACE COURSE, HONG KONG CLUB and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES. [5653

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

SEALED TENDERS will be Received at the Office of the O.C., R.A.S.C., VICTORIA BARRACKS, Hong Kong, at 12 NOON, on TUESDAY, 3RD JANUARY, 1928, for the SUPPLY of the undermentioned Commodities.

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HAY DRY LOCAL.	ROCK SALT.
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Tender Forms and any necessary Information may be had at the above Office Daily between the Hours of 10 A.M. and 1 P.M., except SUNDAY and MONDAY 25th and 26th DECEMBER, 1927. [5684

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EXHIBITION & CONTEST AT MACAO.

FROM 2ND TO 15TH JANUARY, 1928.

For Particulars, address:—
THE DIRECTOR,
PORT WORKS DEPT.
MACAO.
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KING EDWARD HOTEL.

CHRISTMAS EVE
&
NEW YEAR'S EVE
DINNER DANCE
8.30 P.M. TO 12 MIDNIGHT.

$2.50 PER PERSON.

BOOKING can now be made at the Hotel.

INTIMATIONS.

NOTICE.

WE have REMOVED our Offices to the NEW P. & O. BUILDING (4TH FLOOR), from 19TH of DECEMBER, 1927.
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1927. [5671

NOTICE.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

THE Offices of the DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY have been REMOVED to the NEW P. & O. BUILDING (4TH FLOOR), from MONDAY, 19TH of DECEMBER, 1927.
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers,
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
Hong Kong, 17th Dec., 1927. [5672

NOTICE.

MONIES up to $135,000 are Available for Investment on 1st Class Mortgage Security subject to a Trustee Valuation.

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"A REAL HOME SCHOOL."

COUNTRY Life, Elevated Sunny Position, Good Food and Every Comfort. Health Particularly Considered. The Sole Charge of a Few Boys from abroad Age 7-10 Undertaken by:—
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MISS SIGGINS,
EDUCATIONAL AND REMEDIAL GYMNAST.

PREPARED to take Classes in SWEDISH GYMNASTICS GAMES, and COUNTRY DANCING
Apply—
HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.
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THE KOWLOON MOTOR 'BUS CO., LTD.

"SPECIAL" AND "FAMILY" MONTHLY TICKETS.

HOLDERS of the above-mentioned Tickets are HEREBY INFORMED that effective JANUARY 1ST, 1928, such Tickets will Not be Available.
SPECIAL tickets are those which have hitherto been sold at less than the charge of $5.00 each.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
LAM MING FAN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 20th Dec., 1927. [5677

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

DEPOT AND BRANCHES.

Butchery Department Hours:

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SUNDAY, 25TH DEC.—6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.
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TUESDAY, 27TH DEC.—6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M.

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SATURDAY, 24TH DEC.—6 A.M. to 1 P.M. 2. P.M. to 5 P.M.
SUNDAY, 25TH DEC.—6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M. 2 P.M. to 3 P.M.
MONDAY, 26TH DEC.—6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M. 2 P.M. to 3 P.M.
TUESDAY, 27TH DEC.—6 A.M. to 8.30 A.M. 2 P.M. to 3 P.M.

Hong Kong, 20th December, 1927.

BY ORDER OF THE FIRST MORTGAGEE.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

SITUATE at MONGKOKTSUI in the Dependency of KOWLOON and Colony of HONG KONG and registered at the Land Office as THE REMAINING PORTION OF KOWLOON INLAND LOT No. 950, Together with the Messuage or Tenement and other Erections and Buildings thereon now known as No. 414, RECLAMATION STREET;
Area:—712 Square Feet or thereabouts;
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No. 4, DUDDELL STREET, VICTORIA, HONG KONG,
ON
WEDNESDAY,
THE 4TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1928,
AT 3 O'CLOCK P.M.

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MESSRS. GEO. K. HALL BRUTTON & CO.,
First Mortgagee's Solicitors,
ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, HONG KONG.
Dated the 21st day of December, 1927.
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RENTS—$75 TO $100 PER MONTH.
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FOR SALE.—OVERLAND MOTOR CAR, 5-passenger, 3 New Tyres, Good Running Order. $450.—Apply Box No. 289, c/o *Hong Kong Daily Press*. [289

WANTED OFFICE ASSISTANT —British; age about 25 years.—Reply, stating Experience to Box 291, c/o *Hong Kong Daily Press*. [291

THE Latest is that the HONG KONG HOTEL has OPENED a Most Up-to-date HAIR-DRESSING SALOON with all Competent European Hairdressers from SHANGHAI. [290

DEATHS.

CRUICKSHANK.—On November 19th, at Villa La Madeleine, Cannes, WILLIAM ARTHUR CARRUTHERS CRUICKSHANK, formerly of Hong Kong, aged 67.

DONOVAN.—On November 19th, at Shamrock, Parklands Avenue, BOGNOR, the beloved wife of J. P. DONOVAN, retired Commissioner Chinese Postal Administration.

GRAHAM.—On November 10th, at Cheltenham, CATHARINE HANNAH (KATE), widow of GEORGE FREDERICK GRAHAM, I.M. Customs, Shanghai.

Hong Kong Office: 11, Ice House Street.
London Office: 21, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, E.C. 4.

The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 24TH, 1927.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

ONE of the pleasantest features of Christmas in Hong Kong is the arrival of those baskets and packages, accompanied by a card of seasonal greetings, from one's compradore. Most the year we vaguely suspect these suave and obliging persons, whom one so seldom sees in the flesh, of a Macchievelian alliance with the "boy" for the purpose of "squeeze." But these Christmas gifts bring a human touch, a gesture of friendship from the people of this ancient land whose ways are different to our own and who pursue their own customs with a superb indifference to whatever course another race may follow. But the Chinese cooperate to give the foreigner a "happy Christmas," even though they may not celebrate it themselves.

To-day, Christmas Eve, is, according to the Ecclesiastical Calendar, a strict fast. When one remembers the gastronomical powers of our ancestors in Merrie England times, this may provoke a smile and a comment. In England, in a big household, it is more often than not an involuntary fast—a time of despatching forgotten parcels and cards, of scratch meals at uncertain hours, of the arrival of last-minute guests, of a house strewn with berries and leaves from the decorations.

INTIMATIONS.

Choose well,
your choice is brief,
but endless!

Carlyle.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

What shall I give HER
or HIM?

GO TO

WATSON'S

there, in all departments you will find articles and goods in great variety that will make

USEFUL
ELEGANT and
DESIRABLE
GIFTS

that will please the giver and delight the recipient.

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There was a danger once, in Victorian England, when commercialism and Puritanism had strangely allied, that Christmas, the last of the old time celebrations would go the way of May day and Michaelmas, because it implied "wicked extravagance." It was CHARLES DICKENS who fought and won the battle for a Christmas revival; he is never so savage as when portraying the "wet blanket" at the Christmas dinner. *Punch* has also done good service in the same cause. Some years ago it had a picture "How Willie thought he would spend Christmas," and he is shown in a room littered with Christmas debris and dancing in a ring with his maiden aunts, his portly uncle the Archdeacon, and grown up cousins. In the next picture we have "How he did spend it"—sitting on the heathrug while the Archdeacon slumbers and the others play bridge. One feels that the Archdeacon would be better for a romp, that it would give him a recollection linking up with distant days; one wishes that WILLIE had reinforcements to "shake up" the old people, and one knows that he will soon disappear into the kitchen or servants' hall where there will be plenty of liveliness after his own heart.

A good many people deprecate the present custom of an evening at an hotel or restaurant carnival on Christmas Day. It is a modification due to altered conditions, to flats, few servants (in Europe) and small families. It is, in fact, better to combine. With the modern facilities provided it means that a good many more people can have a really enjoyable time with a minimum of trouble. Hotel parties, here and at home, seem merry enough. That was not always the case by the homeside, and the change is to the good.

Quarantine restrictions imposed against arrivals from Batavia on account of cholera have been removed.

Three cases of enteric, two Chinese and one Indian, and one Chinese case of diphtheria were reported on Thursday.

The late Mr. Charles Holworthy, of Cannon Place, Hampstead, late Commissioner, Chinese Imperial Customs Service, left £23,303, net personalty £23,382.

West River arrivals state that the situation remains quiet, there having been no interference with the crews, while cargo and passenger figures show an increasing confidence on the part of the merchants.

A fourteen-year-old girl, the daughter of a Chinese salesman, in falling from a cockloft while asleep received severe injuries to her head. The girl died on the way to hospital. A similar accident happened at a coolie house, and the man is now in hospital.

St. Peter's Young Men's Club are holding a dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant next Wednesday evening (December 28th), beginning at 8.30. Tickets are $1 each for gentlemen, and ladies are invited by courtesy. Music will be provided by the *Titania* Melodians.

Even officers of the Police Force are not immune from attention of the thieves. Trait Sergt. Hopkins discovered this on Thursday morning when he found money and property to the value of $147 missing. The thief entered by forcing open a window at the Sergeant's quarters in Caine Road.

Among passengers arriving here yesterday by the P. & O. s.s. *Kashgar* from the North were:—Mr. R. S. Crompton, Mr. J. C. Kingwell, Mr. J. Gould, Mr. S. Jones, Mr. M. Henderson, Capt. V. G. Clayton, Commander Gunner Guthrie, Mr. T. Fitzpatrick, and Mr. and Mrs. Hodges.

During the Winter Solstice cerebrations at No. 355, Reclamation Street, Mongkok, shortly before noon yesterday, a quantity of miscellaneous goods stored on the verandah, caught fire while crackers were being discharged and joss paper burned. There was little damage caused, the fire being extinguished almost immediately after its outbreak.

A draft of Coldstream Guards left Windsor on November 19th *en route* for China. The detachment, under the command of Lieut. G. H. B. Madocks, is going out to relieve the time-expired men and A class of reservists of the 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards, who are returning home. The party, headed by the drum and fife band of the 3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, were given a hearty send-off. The detachment proceeded to the Tower of London, where they joined a detachment of the 1st Battalion, Coldstream Guards. The combined draft was to leave London on November 22nd for Southampton, to embark for China.

LOCAL WEDDINGS.

BROETJE—WILKENS.

The wedding took place yesterday at the Union Church of Miss Clarita Maria Christiane Wilkens, daughter of Mr. Christian Alfred Wilkens and Mrs. Clarita Wilkens, of Bremen and Baranquilla, and Mr. Gerd Otto Broetje of Melchers & Co., Hong Kong.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Broetje of Bremen. Mr. Broetje, who is senior Director of the Norddeutscher-Lloyd, Bremen, recently visited the main ports of East Asia, including Hong Kong. He was mainly responsible for starting the Far Eastern Lines of the Norddeutscher-Lloyd after the war.

The bride was given away by Mr. Carl Gerhard Melchers, partner of Melchers & Co., Hong Kong, who are the local Agents of the Norddeutscher-Lloyd, Bremen.

Dr. Genacho conducted the ceremony, and later a dinner was given at the Hong Kong Hotel, at which there were present, among others, Mr. and Mrs. Schramm (the former a partner of Meyerink & Co.) and Mrs. and Mr. Rieken (the former being a partner of Jebsen & Co.), and the managers of Messrs. Melchers' & Company's South China branches.

OBITUARY.

SIR ALFRED DENT, K.C.M.G.

Sir Alfred Dent died on November 23rd, at 10, Cambridge Gate, Regents Park, in his 85th year. He had been on a visit to Eastbourne, where he had lived for so long at his residence, Ravensworth, which he sold a few years ago. Sir Alfred had had a long connection with China, and his name will always be associated with the acquisition of British North Borneo. He was a K.C.M.G., a J.P. and a former High Sheriff of Sussex. He leaves a widow, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aird, of the Glen, Eastbourne, and one son, Leslie Alfred Dent.

WEATHER REPORT.

FINE FOR CHRISTMAS.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.30 p.m., stated:—

The Japanese depression is now to the east of Takyo, moving eastward.

The anti-cyclone over China has strengthened. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, moderate to fresh, fine.

SANTA CLAUS & COMPANY.

"I think I'll visit Santa Claus," remarked the Christmas fairy,
So off she set towards the far North Pole;
She wrapped a cosy banyan leaf around her gown so airy,
And didn't mind a bit the ocean's roll.

She said: "Good morning, Santa! So I see you're getting ready,
To take these dolls and motors South with speed.
The reindeer say the sleigh will scarcely hold another 'Teddy,'
And every sack looks very full indeed.

But I'm a little troubled,—I was peeping through the portals
To see the joys of Earthland yesterday,
And, Santa, lots of children in your queer old world of mortals
Although quite well, don't seem the least bit gay!

Now I've a plan to change this, as I think I know the reason,—
I've brought my brightest wand, with magic strong,—
We can't have pouts and sighs and frowns when Christmas rules the season,
I know just how you hate them,—come along!"
he said, "I'll do a lady's bidding!—

Old Santa laughed! "Of course,"
Ho, Elves! Bring out the sleigh that isn't packed!"—
Then off across the snow and ice the two went gaily skidding,
'Twas *nearly Christmas*,—quite the time to act!

They stopped at lots of places, and that wand did goodly duty,—
Hong Kong was reached by travelling fast and far.
"Just fancy! Tears and ugly sneers in all this heavenly beauty!"
The fairy said.—"What stupids mortals are!"

It chanced that Jean was cross, because Wee Babs had smashed her dolly,—
And John was saying shocking things to hear,
Because the books his uncle sent were shared with poor sick Molly,—
Such dreadful, tragic happenings,—Oh, dear!

But Santa and the fairy paused,—the wand went gently whirling,—
And all the troubles vanished in thin air!
And happy, jolly faces smiled, with rosy lips up-curling
(Though no-one knew that Santa's sleigh was there!).

Then Santa said: "Your wand is strong, and so are you, and clever,
And all the year you've helped me with my toys,—
So, though you've never told your name, please stay on earth for ever,
To guard these darling girls and big, brave boys!"

"They've only got to call me, and I'll come, my 'magic' bringing,"
She said.—"My wand was brought me from Above,
When sweet, bright angels hailed their King, and set the whole world singing
'A Merry Christmas!'—And my name is Love!"

GLADYS JACKSON.
Christmas Eve, 1927.

RUSSIA THREATENS CHINA.

MASS MEETINGS PROTEST AGAINST EXECUTION OF CITIZENS.

"SAVAGE ACTS CANNOT REMAIN UNPUNISHED."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MOSCOW, Dec. 23rd.

Mass meetings of protest against the execution of Soviet citizens in Canton have been held in Moscow, Leningrad and Siberian cities; and the Russian Far Eastern Shipping Agency announces the cancellation of its steamship services in all Chinese ports.

M. Chicherin has issued a long statement protesting against the executions, concluding to the effect that the "Soviets reserve the right to undertake what measures may be deemed necessary, in view of the bloody crimes in South China against Russia: these savage acts cannot remain unpunished."

SHANGHAI'S TRAM SERVICE.

GRADUALLY BEING RESUMED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23rd.

The tram service is gradually being resumed. Twenty-six tramcars are running to-day chiefly in the western district.

CHIANG KAI SHEK.

RE-ASSUMING HIS OLD POST.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23rd.

It is reported that Chiang Kai Shek re-assumes the Generalissimate on January 1st, after which it is expected that he will appoint Ho Ying Ching Defence Commissioner of Shanghai and Woosung in succession to Pei Chung Hsi.

HANKOW'S REDS.

RUSSIAN WOMEN RELEASED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23rd.

A telegram from Hankow, dated the 22nd instant, states that twelve Russian women were released yesterday evening. The released state that they did not suffer any ill-treatment from the authorities.

FRENCH BUDGET THROUGH SENATE.

A BIG MAJORITY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, December 23rd.

By 273 votes to 17 the Senate passed the Budget in the form showing estimated receipts of 42,497 million francs, with excess receipts over expenditure of Frs. 196,000,000.

[The Budget was hurried through the Chamber of Deputies on December 12th by 405 votes to 125.]

PROTECTION FOR OIL.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S MEASURE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, December 23rd.

The Government measure issued revising the tariff on oils provides protection to the extent of Frs. 39.98 per metric quintal of crude oil for French producers and Frs. 18.80 per 100 kilogrammes medium crude oil for refiners.

SAMOAN ENQUIRY.

A DEPORTATION SEQUEL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23rd.

O. F. Nelson, E. W. Girr, A. G. Smyth, whose names were mentioned prominently in connection with the recent enquiry into the conditions in Samoa, have been deported from West Samoa for 5, 5 and 2 years, respectively.

THE INDUSTRIAL PEACE CONFERENCE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 23rd.

Lord Londonderry, one of signatories of the invitation to the Trades' Union Congress to participate in the proposed industrial peace conference, said last night that he felt nothing but good could come from the meeting. Parties would be able, in conference, to state their difficulties and to find some means of meeting them.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

WHAT BISHOPS THINK OF THE M.P.'S DECISION.

THE NEXT STEP.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 23rd.

The Diocesan bishops of England, after two days' consideration of the position brought about by the rejection of the Prayer Book position in the House of Commons, announce that the measure will be reintroduced into the Church Assembly as soon as possible. Such changes only will be made as may tend to remove misapprehensions, make clearer and more explicit its provisions and limitions.

The decision is announced in a statement which expresses the belief that the recent adverse vote of the Commons was influenced by certain unavoidable misunderstandings as to the character of the proposals and cannot be accepted as final.

The meetings of the bishops have been adjourned till January 11th and considered proposals will be deferred until the February meetings of the Convocation and Church Assembly.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 22nd.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York after two days consultation with the Bishops at Lambeth Palace, issued a statement that it was impossible within a few days of the vote in the Commons to take a just measure of its significance.

"The Bishops," the statement added, "have therefore adjourned until January 11th, to have further time for thought and prayer. We hope to submit considered proposals to the Church Assembly and Convocations in February, but some word of counsel and re-assurance most immediately be spoken.

"We believe that the recent decision of the Commons was influenced by avoidable misunderstandings in regard to the character of the proposals. We cannot, therefore, take the responsibility of accepting the vote as final.

"The House of Bishops has accordingly resolved to re-introduce the measure to the Church Assembly as soon as possible with only such changes as may tend to remove misapprehensions and make clearer and more explicit its intentions and limitations.

"We ask that until the deposited Book has been fully authorised by the Church no one will avail himself of its provisions in making changes in the accustomed order of services. We ask that any clergy who have adopted usages which it would forbid, should discontinue them for the sake of peace and unity in the Church."

MISHAP TO "RED ROSE."

BROKEN PISTON CAUSES FORCED LANDING.

FLIERS UNINJURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RANGOON, December 22nd.

The aeroplane *Red Rose* made a forced landing near Monkey Point with a broken piston. The fliers are uninjured and the machine was not damaged. It is expected that the repairs will take 2 or 3 days.

FATAL FIRE NEAR CRACOW.

OLD MASTERS AND RELICS BURNED.

NINE RESCUERS DEAD.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WARSAW, Dec. 22nd.

Nine persons were burned to death and fifteen seriously injured —the former including Freyer, one of the most prominent Polish athletes while doing rescue work— as the result of a great fire at Ozikow Castle, near Cracow, in which a valuable collection of old masters and relics of Polish and Austrian history was destroyed.

LONDON "DAILY TELEGRAPH."

SOLD TO THE BERRY BROTHERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 22nd.

The proprietors of the *Daily Telegraph* of whom Lord Burnham is the principal, have arranged to dispose the paper and its subsidiary interests to Sir William Berry, Mr. Gomer Berry and Sir Edward Iliffe, who are acquiring it for joint personal ownership.

The new owners assume control from January 9th, a date fixed in view of Lord Burnham's departure for India on the Statutory Commission. No change in political policy is involved by the transfer.

AFRICA'S LONGEST BRIDGE.

TO BE BUILT BY AN ENGLISH FIRM.

COMPLETING EASTERN NIGERIAN RAILWAY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Dec. 23rd.

The bridge to be built over the Benue River, to complete the Eastern Nigerian Railway connecting Port Harcourt with Bauchi tinfields, will be the longest in Africa. The new enterprise, which will stimulate the already rapid development of Northern Nigeria, will cost about £1,000,000 and the contract, which has been placed with an English firm, is for a bridge of thirteen spans and 2,584 feet between abutments.

"LINDY'S" MOTHER.

ARRIVES FOR CHRISTMAS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23rd.

Mrs. Lindbergh has arrived, accompanied by her son who flew to meet her.

[A recent telegram stated that Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, mother of Colonel Lindbergh, the famous young aviator, intended to make a flight from Detroit to Mexico City to spend Christmas with her distinguished son.]

MARCONI ANNUAL MEETING.

BARON INVERFORTH'S PROPHECIES.

COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE SERVICES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 22nd.

The early installation of a commercial telephone service to all countries served by the beam system was foreshadowed by Baron Inverforth, at the Annual Meeting of the Marconi Company, which adopted the Directors' report on the effects of reconstruction, and which made the recommendation of a dividend of sixpence a share.

Baron Inverforth drew attention to the Company's progress. He said that up to the present the results of the South Africa and Indian Companies gave reason for optimism. As regards the controversy of cable and wireless, he said that nothing must be done to deprive the trading interests of the Empire of the advantages of the beam.

SALE OF LORD CURZON'S PICTURES.

ROMNEY FETCHES 12,000 GUINEAS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 22nd.

Eleven pictures from the collection of the late Marquis Curzon, former Foreign Secretary, were sold at Christie's sales rooms and realised 23,720 guineas. They included Romney's portrait of Lady Milner, which was knocked down for 12,000 guineas.

FRENCH FLIERS DETAINED.

LOCAL FORMALITIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, December 22nd.

The Air Department states that Colonel Antoinat and his companions on board the aeroplane *Georges Guynemer* are detained at Adalia by local formalities.

The French Ambassador to Turkey is giving them all the help in his power.

ALTITUDE RECORD.

CLAIM BY ITALIAN AIRMAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TURIN, December 22nd.

The Italian airman Donati reached the height of 38,602 ft. This is claimed to be the world's record.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS PARTY.

KING AND QUEEN LEAVE FOR SANDRINGHAM.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 22nd.

The King and Queen with their little grand daughter, Princess Elizabeth, left London to-day for Sandringham where Christmas will be spent in the customary way of making it a Royal family party.

MEXICO'S FINANCES.

MEMORANDUM TO BE DRAWN UP.

"TRYING TO MEET DEBT PAYMENTS."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23rd.

The Treasury Department is about to send two representatives to New York to submit a memorandum on Mexico's financial condition to the International Bankers' Committee.

The officials will not explain the purport of the mission except to say that Mexico will try to meet her debt payments as they mature despite the present financial stringency. This is interpreted in some quarters to mean that Mexico will ask for the postponement of the reduction of payments.

MEMORIES OF 1914.

DAMAGES FOR RUSSIA.

LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, December 22nd.

The explosion of the "Black Tom" ammunition dump in New York harbour in 1914 was recalled to-day when a cheque for $98,104 was paid in settlement of a suit for damages by the Karensky Government of Russia against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company for loss of the ammunition.

The cheque is payable to "Serge Ughet," whom the Statement Department recognised as plaintiff's representative in the United States.

The Soviet Government's motion for the appointment of a receiver to take over the fund was negatived a month ago.

THE TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONE.

IS £5 A MINUTE TOO MUCH?

LOWER RATES AT CERTAIN HOURS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 22nd.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons regarding the trans-atlantic wireless telephone service Lord Wolmer, Assistant Postmaster-General, said that the revenue of the service covered working costs but not yet depreciation and amortisation. Asked whether a reduction of the present rate of five pounds per minute would not result in more traffic, Lord Wolmer replied that traffic was steadily growing and the Postmaster-General at present advised was not prepared to reduce the rate. He hoped that as business men more and more realised the great advantages which were to be obtained from using the service they would realise how extremely cheap it was. Answering a further question as to whether the Postmaster-General would consider a reduction of the rate at certain hours of the day, Lord Wolmer said the Postmaster-General, had this and other suggestions before him. These matters raised not only in this country but also in America questions of agreement between the two countries. As soon as he was so advised he would vary the rates as he thought fit.

THE "S.4" DISASTER.

SYMPATHY OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 22nd.

His Majesty has sent a message to President Coolidge "I am deeply grieved by the sad disaster to the *S.4* involving so great a loss of life, and I desire to assure the American people and more especially the bereaved family of my heartfelt sympathy in this national calamity."

SQUASH RACKETS.

SANDERSON RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 22nd.

Lieut. Sanderson retained the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines squash rackets championship to-day when he beat Surgeon Lieut.-Comdr. Mackenzie in the final.

ITALY'S GOLD STANDARD.

THE "TIMES" COMMENT.

PROBABLE EFFECT OF THE CHANGE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 23rd.

The announcement that Italy as from yesterday returned to the gold standard is the subject of favourable comment here.

Signor Mussolini, in the Council of Ministers at which the decision was taken, said the step would have a profound effect on the development of the national economy and would contribute to the reconstruction of world economy. This view is endorsed by the *Times* which, in its editorial notes, says the announcement comes "as a pleasant surprise that will be welcomed not merely by Italians but by all who appreciate the importance of sound currency to the prosperity of the world. The re-establishment of the lira on a gold basis is an event which marks another milestone on the long and difficult road of European reconstruction."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Will France Follow Suit?

ROME, December 22nd.

The new rates for the lira to the pound sterling are 92.46, to the dollar 19, to the gold lira 3.66.

Mussolini's Defence Of The Lira.

ROME, Later.

Signor Mussolini, explaining to the Cabinet the reasons for the return of the gold standard, recalled his speech on August 26th when he proclaimed his determination to defend the lira to the uttermost and to brush mercilessly aside all opposing this work of salvation. His defence of the lira had been completely victorious. All depreciatory speculative efforts had failed. A further improvement was possible but not desirable because it would lead to periodical slumps reacting prejudicially on the State and taxpayers. He added that the present rate of the lira was remarkable because it corresponded with the world price of gold.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Italian Issues Strong.

NEW YORK, December 22nd.

Following the stabilisation of the lira the strength of Italian issues was an outstanding feature of the bond market. The entire Italian list including industrial, government, and Municipal obligations, shot up nearly two points.

WASHINGTON, December 23rd.

In view of the close relationship of the lira and the franc Mr. Mellon and the Federal Reserve Board believe that Italy's adoption of the gold standard will probably be the forerunner of similar action by France.

Mr. Mellon is of opinion that Italy's action will not require a substantial exportation of gold from the United States and will not appreciably affect business since banking circles have been aware of the negotiations for some time.

Meanwhile the Vice-Governor of the Federal Reserve Board calls attention to the fact that Spain has sufficient stocks of gold to adopt a gold basis at any time.

FRANCE'S ECONOMIC SITUATION.

THE STABILISATION OF THE FRANC.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, Dec. 23rd.

In the course of the Senate debate on the Budget, M. Poincare referred to the reassuring economic situation and favourable trade balance, which would, he said, facilitate the definite stabilisation of the franc.

GREYHOUND SHARES DOWN.

POSSIBLE RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 22nd.

The shares of greyhound racecourse companies slumped heavily on the Stock Exchange as a result of a statement made by the Home Secretary that restriction legislation might be considered by the Government.

SOUDANESE PROSPERITY.

PRESENT SUCCESS AND FUTURE HOPES.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 22nd.

The annual report on the administration of the Soudan, published to-day, states that the completion of the Sennar dam, which was officially opened in January last year, marked a new era in the development of the development of the Soudan.

"Thanks to favourable conditions and goodwill and good work on the part of all concerned the first year's results from the cultivation of cotton on a large scale were highly satisfactory, and the benefits predicted have been fully realised. Labour has presented no difficulty and the general well being of the natives in the thickly populated Gezira area is manifested. Cultivation and production have been quickened by science to the vast advantage of the natives, but there has been no upheaval of the social system.

In a country where the people have had to rely for their sustenance on a capricious rainfall, a guarantee of freedom from the menace of famine is the richest of blessings. Fifty thousand acres of irrigated land were sown with grain, and the harvest made a doubly welcome addition to the food supply in lean years."

The direct and indirect financial results of the cultivation season covered by the report were thoroughly satisfactory. There was a small actual surplus on the year's working, but the indirect results were even more important, and the report pointed out that account must be taken of additional revenue earned by the Government from extra railway traffic, export and import duties, and the traders' tax on syndicates' profits. The additional net revenue accrued in this way probably amounted to at least 150,000 Egyptian pounds.

It is added that the Gezira project in 1926 was an important factor in saving the Government from what would have been a very costly and difficult problem in relieving the famine which otherwise would have occurred.

Future Changes.

As regards the future many changes are in sight. For the current season the area under cotton has been increased from 80,000 to 100,000 feddans. As regards the more distant future the Government has concluded an agreement with a syndicate to extend the concession area from 300,000 to 465,000 feddans and ultimately to increase Government share to 40 per cent.

M.C.C. IN SOUTH AFRICA.

HOLMES' CENTURY.

ANOTHER DRAWN MATCH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BENONI, December 22nd.

A two-days match here was drawn.

The South African eleven scored 86. Hammond took 6 wickets for 32.

The M.C.C. replied with 323, of which Holmes made 128 and Hammond 61.

In their second innings the South African team scored 305 for nine wickets. Trotter scored 76.

MR. A. J. COOK.

"IN THE SOUP."

The Trades Union General Council is angry with Mr. Cook, the Communist secretary of the Miners' Federation.

It seems that Mr. Cook refuses to obey the rule of secrecy placed by the council on its proceedings and the other members have protested that it is impossible to make any expression of opinion at these meetings without risk of its being repeated either on the platform or in the Communist newspapers.

A letter, accordingly, has been sent by the General Council to the Miners' Federation protesting and asking for some explanation. This letter will be considered by the Miners' Executive.

Owing to the Christmas holidays, the British Official Wireless Service will be discontinued on December 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th. The service will be resumed at noon on Wednesday, December 28th.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT FOR THE SERVICES.

A JOLLY EVENING AT THE CITY HALL.

POPULAR PROGRAMME.

The spirit of Christmas prevailed at the Christmas Concert given under auspices of the "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A. at the City Hall last night. The Theatre Royal was packed with the lads in khaki and blue, and the progamme, which was arranged by Mrs. P. Younghusband, an indefatigable worker of the Entertainment Committee of the Y.M.C.A. for the Services, was immensely appreciated. This was demonstrated by the hearty applause which was accorded to every item.

A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the *souvenir* programme provided, bearing on the front cover a picture of "Hong Kong by Night," with the Peak illuminated in the background, and wishes for a "Merry Christmas and Good Luck in the New Year."

The programme was carried through excellently and was throughly enjoyed.

One of the most pleasing features occurred when the Christmas Tree was brought in at the close of the programme. The tree was tastefully illuminated with varied colour lights by the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.

To this the Spirit of Christmas was most charmingly danced by the Misses Violet Capell, Phyllis Capell, Helen Ho and Rachel Wong.

The usual lucky number prizes were distributed by Mrs. Younghusband, and thanks accorded.

Prior to the distribution of prizes, there was a huge cracker pulled by the dancers mentioned, and the additional prizes from this were also presented.

Before the prizes were given away, Mr. P. S. Cassidy thanked all who had contributed to the Entertainment and the success of the evening.

Mr. Cassidy thanked the artistes, the H.K. Electric Company for illuminating the Christmas Tree, The British American Tobacco Co. for cigarettes, and the ladies who had distributed them and the chocolates, Messrs. J. D. Hutchinson & Co. for the chocolates, Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., for the Novelty Cracker, Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, and the Captain and Officers of H.M.S. *Hawkins* for the attendance of the band from this ship, the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society for the use of the scenery, the Chinese gentlemen, who voluntarily sent a very substantial donation to the evening's entertainment, the City Hall Committee for the use of the Hall, and, especially, Mrs. P. Younghusband.

It was announced that on Monday night there will be a whist drive, social gathering and games for the Services at the City Hall at 7 p.m., and on Thursday night a dance at same place.

The votes of thanks were greeted with hearty applause.

The Programme.

The complete programme was as under:—

Part I.

Selections: The Band of H.M.S. *Hawkins*, Bandmaster, Mr. S. A. Howse.
Soprano Song: (a) "Holy Night, Peaceful Night"; (b) "Welsh Christmas Song"; Mrs. Richard Sanger.
Violin Obligato: Mr. John Braga, At the Piano: Miss C. Braga.
Piano Solo: "Ballade in A flat," Chopin; Mr. A. W. Bowes-Smith.
Humorous Interlude: Mr. V. C. Labrum.
Song: "Lolia," Buzzi-Peccia; Mr. G. D'Aquino.
Quartette: Mr. J. Baldwin, Mr. R. Baldwin, Mr. C. W. E. Bishop, Mr. H. J. Best.
Humorous Monologue: Mrs. Jenner.
Selections by "Winnie's Warblers."

Part II.

Selection: The Band of H.M.S. *Hawkins*.
Soprano Song: "Pierette," Eric Coates, Mrs. M. Minney.
Violin Solo: "Introduction and Rondo Capricioso" Saint-Saens, Mrs. H. Balean.
Songs at the Piano: Mr. Robert Sutherland.
Baritone Song: "Up from Somerset," Sanderson; Surgeon-Lieut. W. H. Bradfield, R.N.
Old Folk Duet: Mrs. P. Younghusband and Surgeon-Lieut. W. H. Bradfield, R.N.
Humorous Songs and Stories: Mr. W. Johnston.
The Spirit of Christmas: Miss Violet Capell, Miss Phyllis Capell, Miss Helen Ho, and Miss Rachel Wong.
Lucky Number Prizes.

HOLIDAY SPORTS.

A VARIED CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME.

FOOTBALL, CRICKET, GOLF, ROWING, ETC.

Yuletide will be an out-of-doors holiday so far as Hong Kong is concerned, and there is certainly a varied programme.

Several League Football matches will be played to-day, but the big attraction line will undoubtedly be the Interport Trial Match on the Club ground.

At Fanling, golfing enthusiasts have an excellent Christmas programme, from to-day until Tuesday, inclusive.

An event to-day, which will certainly draw a big attendance, is the Fanling Hunt Steeplechase Meeting at Kwanti, and of which "Rapier" has something to say in his notes in another column.

Three Cricket League matches are down for decision to-day, one in Division I. and two in Division II. In friendly cricket there is the married *v.* single match, an annual contest on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground, while at Kowloon the K.C.C. open against the Navy.

At the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club there is no racing for to-day, but the rowing race for the "Hornell Cup" will be decided, and there will also be a Hongs race.

To-morrow.

No sporting events have been arranged except at golf, but possibly there will be a friendly match of some sort or other.

On Monday.

On Monday there is the annual race for the Cruisers of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club to Macao and back.

The Fanling Hunt meet at Mr. Potts' Bungalow for the December Cup event.

In the football world, Scotland will meet Portugal in the *Sunday Herald Charity* Cup Competition, the kick-off being at 3.45 p.m. on the Club ground.

The H.K.C.C. play the Army at Cricket, and Kowloon C.C. have there second day against the Navy. The University are playing the R.A.O.C. and at the Craigengower Cricket Club, there is a married *v.* single match, to be followed by a tea dance and the presentation of prizes won during the season at various tournaments. On the Indian Recreation Club ground there is a match between the Hong Kong Electric European Staff and the local staff.

On Tuesday.

On Tuesday, the last day of the holidays, the second football match in the *Sunday Herald* Charity Cup competition will be played, the contesting teams being England *v.* South China. The kick-off is at the same time as on Monday, namely 3.45 p.m.

The Fanling Hunt meets again, and the second day of the H.K.C.C. *v.* the Army cricket match will be played, and there are also one or two other friendly encounters.

CRICKET.

HOLIDAY MATCHES.

The following is the list of matches for the Christmas holidays:—

TO-DAY.

League: Division I.

Civil Service *v.* University.

Division II.

Royal Navy *v.* Kowloon C.C.

University *v.* H.K. Electric Co.

Friendly.

Hong Kong Cricket Club—Married *v.* Singles.

Kowloon C.C. *v.* Royal Navy (1st day).

MONDAY.

Hong Kong C.C. *v.* Army (1st day).

Kowloon C.C. *v.* Royal Navy (2nd day).

H.K. Electric Co.—Local Staff *v.* European Staff, Indian R.C. ground.

Craigengower—Married *v.* Singles

TUESDAY.

Hong Kong C.C. *v.* Army (2nd day).

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

The following games are down for decision to-day:—

HONG KONG LEAGUE.

Division I.

Kick-off at 4 p.m.

Queen's Regt. *v.* South China, Chatham Road ground. Referee: S.Sgt. Gilbert.

Division II. "A."

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

R.A. Reserves *v.* Hong Kong F.C. Reserves, Sookunpoo ground. Referee: Pipe-Major Mackie.

China Athletic Reserves *v.* Kowloon Reserves, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C., M.M.

Division II. "B."

Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.

Boy Scouts *v.* South China "A," South China ground. Referee: Mr. Presley.

Interport Practice Game.

Kick-off at 3.45 p.m.

Selected Team *v.* Royal Navy, H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Sergt. Hyson. Linesmen: Messrs. Barber and Smith.

HOLIDAY GAMES.

International Charity Cup Competition.

The following games for the *Sunday Herald* Cup will be played during the holidays:—

Monday, Dec. 26th, 1927:

Scotland *v.* Portugal, Hong Kong F.C. ground, kick-off at 3.45 p.m. Referee: Mr. F. Smith. Linesmen: Messrs. McCubbin and Lawrence.

Tuesday, Dec. 27th, 1927:—

England *v.* South China, Hong Kong F.C. ground, kick-off at 3.45 p.m. Referee: Mr. Barber. Linesmen: Messrs. Baldwin and Ip Kau Ko.

There is only one game in the Senior Division to-day. H.K.F.C.-R.A. game arranged for Sookunpoo having been postponed.

The Queen's Regt. are due to receive South China on the Chatham Road ground and the military are expected to repeat the result of their former meeting on the South China ground. South China have had two fine wins in their last two games, winning against the R.A. and Club de Recreio. They will take the field with confidence to-day and will run the Queen's to a close finish.

Two games are fixed for the Junior Division "A." The Hong Kong F.C. Reserves meet the R.A. second team on the Garrison ground at Sookunpoo. Should the Club arrive at full strength they will give the Gunners a good game and should return with a point.

The attraction will be on the Kowloon F.C. ground where the China Athletic Reserves are due to meet Kowloon second. Kowloon are fielding a strong side and are confident of annexing full points.

Only one game is down for the "B" Division. The Boy Scouts meet South China on the latter's ground. "A" team did well to beat St. Joseph's Reserves last week by the odd goal in five and are confident of taking full points from the Boy Scouts.

The Interport Trial.

The attractive on the Hong Kong side is the Interport Trial on the Hong Kong F.C. ground. The opposition comes from the Navy and with the number of ships in the harbour at the present time a strong side should be available to give the Selected team a hard game. This will probably be the last of the series this season. The team will leave Hong Kong on January 19th and the players to represent Hong Kong against Shanghai for the *Telegraph* Cup will be chosen after the Charity game on Tuesday next, when the final arrangements will be made for the trip.

The Charity games should be interesting. Good sides have been chosen to play for England and Scotland (South China and Portugal teams have not yet come to hand) and large crowds are expected to turn out on the Hong Kong F.C. ground on Monday and Tuesday next. The date of the final is yet to be fixed.

HOME FOOTBALL.

BIG HOLIDAY PROGRAMME.

LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR THREE DAYS.

There will be a big holiday programme of League Football over Christmas. In consequence of the long holiday, there are to be matches in all Divisions of the English League to-day (Saturday) and also on Monday (Boxing Day) and on Tuesday. In the Scottish League (Division I.) there are only matches down for to-day, but next week, when the Scottish festival of New Year is observed, there will be League fixtures for Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, while in the English League there will be matches on the Saturday and Monday only.

The complete fixtures in the English League over the three days of this week-end are as under:—

TO-DAY.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal *v.* Everton.
Aston Villa *v.* Wednesday.
Burnley *v.* Cardiff City.
Bury *v.* Blackburn Rovers.
Derby C. *v.* Birmingham.
Leicester C. *v.* Tottenham H.
Liverpool *v.* Manchester U.
Portsmouth *v.* Huddersf'd T.
Sheffield U. *v.* Bolton W.
Sunderland *v.* Middlesbro'.
W. Ham U. *v.* Newcastle U.

Division II.

Barnsley *v.* Chelsea.
Fulham *v.* Blackpool.
Hull City *v.* Oldham Athletic.
Leeds United *v.* Stoke City.
Manchester City *v.* Notts. C.
Nottingham F. *v.* South'pton.
Port Vale *v.* West Brom A.
Preston N.E. *v.* Grimsby T.
South Shields *v.* Bristol City.
Swansea Town *v.* Reading.
W'hampton W. *v.* Clapton O.

Division III. (Southern).

Bristol R. *v.* Millwall.
Charlton A. *v.* Luton Town.
Coventry C. *v.* Northampton.
Gillingham *v.* Norwich City.
Merthyr T. *v.* Exeter City.
Newport C. *v.* Southend U.
Plymouth A. *v.* Crystal P.
Queen's P.R. *v.* B'mouth & B.A.
Swindon T. *v.* Brighton & H.A.
Walsall *v.* Torquay United.
Watford *v.* Brentford.

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington S. *v.* Barrow.
Rshington *v.* Southport.
Bradford C. *v.* Chesterfield.
Crewe A. *v.* Durham City.
Darlington *v.* Rotherham U.
Doncaster R. *v.* Rochdale.
Halifax Town *v.* Wrexham.
Hartlepools U. *v.* Stockport C.
Lincoln C. *v.* Tranmere R.
New Brighton *v.* Bradford.
Wigan Boro'. *v.* Nelson.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Clyde *v.* St. Mirren.
Dundee *v.* Cowdenbeath.
Dunfermline A. *v.* Motherwell.
Falkirk *v.* Bo'ness.
Hamilton A. *v.* St. Johnstone.
Hibernians *v.* Celtic.
Kilmarnock *v.* Hearts.
Queen's Park *v.* Partick T.
Raith R. *v.* Airdrieonians.
Rangers *v.* Aberdeen.

MONDAY.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Arsenal *v.* Liverpool.
Birmingham *v.* Sunderland.
Bolton W. *v.* Tottenham H.
Bury *v.* Portsmouth.
Derby County *v.* Aston Villa.
Everton *v.* Cardiff City.
Huddersfield T. *v.* Wednesday.
Leicester City *v.* Burnley.
Manchester U. *v.* Blackburn R.
Middlesbro'. *v.* Newcastle U.
Sheffield U. *v.* West Ham U.

Division II.

Barnsley *v.* Manchester City.
Blackpool *v.* Reading.
Bristol City *v.* Southampton.
Clapton O. *v.* Oldham A.
Fulham *v.* Hull City.
Grimsby Town *v.* Chelsea.
Nottingham F. *v.* W'hampt'n.
Port Vale *v.* Leeds United.
Preston N.E. *v.* Swansea T.
West Bromwich A. *v.* Notts C.

Division III. (Southern).

B'mouth & B.A. *v.* Bri'ton & H.
Charlton A. *v.* Walsall.
Crystal P. *v.* Torquay U.
Exeter C. *v.* Plymouth A.
Merthyr T. *v.* Bristol R.
Newport C. *v.* Swindon Town.
Northampton *v.* Luton T.
Norwich City *v.* Millwall.
Queen's P.R. *v.* Coventry C.
Southend U. *v.* Brentford.
Watford *v.* Gillingham.

Division III. (Northern).

Accrington S. *v.* New Bright'n.
Bradford C. *v.* Wigan Boro'.
Crewe A. *v.* Darlington.
Doncaster R. *v.* Halifax T.
Durham City *v.* Ashington.
Hartlepools U. *v.* Lincoln C.
Nelson *v.* Tranmere R.
Rochdale *v.* Bradford.
Rotherham U. *v.* Chesterfield.
Southport *v.* Wrexham.
Stockport C. *v.* Barrow.

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KWANTI XMAS MEETING.

[By RAPIER.]

There will be some good racing to-day over the hurdles at Kwanti and the meeting will be easily the best held so far from a sporting point of view. There is a much bigger entry than usual and most of the ponies can jump and there is no lack of riders. The transport facilities are excellent and those who wish to get back to Hong Kong in time to prepare for Christmas festivities are specially catered for by the 5.41 express from Fanling.

I understand H.E. the Governor will be present during the afternoon and I feel sure that His Excellency being a keen rider will be much impressed by the meeting. It is not too much to hope that we may later see His Excellency's colours on the Course alongside those of H.E. the Governor of Macao.

Practically all the ponies entered for the first time have raced on the flat but 'chasing is an entirely different proposition and I look to the ponies that have already proved their worth at Kwanti to take most of the prizes.

The *Gomeril* might win the first race with Usher's selected taking the second place with Reidy's mount third.

I fancy *Derrhound* for the second race with *Caviare* and *Wild Fellow* filling the places.

Easter Day should win the third race with *Cheriton Vale* and *Mowgli* in the picture.

"*Humdinger*" should be first home in the Xmas Handicap with Messrs. Stanton and Reidy's selected capturing the place.

In the last race there are 54 entries and as most of the ponies will have been out in previous races during the afternoon their performances will give an indication of their possibilities in this event.

Boxing Day Paper Hunt.

The Meet for the December Cup Paper Hunt will be at Potts' Bungalow at 11 a.m. on Monday and it will no doubt draw a big field.

NOTABLE FILM FOR STAR THEATRE.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST PORTRAYED.

Among the pictures to be screened in the local cinemas during Christmas is the big German production, I.N.R.I. (Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews), which will be screened at the usual performances in the Star Theatre on Sunday and Monday. I.N.R.I. is the most ambitious effort yet made to present the Life of Christ on the screen.

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TUESDAY.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aston Villa *v.* Derby County.
Burnley *v.* Leicester City.
Cardiff City *v.* Everton.
Liverpool *v.* Arsenal.
Newcastle U. *v.* Middlesbro'.
Portsmouth *v.* Bury.
Wednesday *v.* Huddersfield T.
Tottenham H. *v.* Bolton W.
W. Ham U. *v.* Sheffield U.
Arsenal *v.* Bury.

Division II.

Chelsea *v.* Grimsby Town.
Hull City *v.* Fulham.
Leeds United *v.* Port Vale.
Notts C. *v.* West Bromwich A.
Oldham A. *v.* Clapton Orient.
Reading *v.* Blackpool.
Southampton *v.* Bristol City.
Stoke City *v.* South Shields.
Swansea Town *v.* Preston N.E.
W'hampton W. *v.* N'ttin'm F.

Division III. (Southern).

Brentford *v.* Southend U.
Bri'ton & H. *v.* B'mouth & B.
Bristol R. *v.* Merthyr Town.
Coventry C. *v.* Queen's P.R.
Gillingham *v.* Watford.
Luton Town *v.* Northampton.
Millwall *v.* Norwich City.
Plymouth A. *v.* Exeter City.
Swindon T. *v.* Newport C.
Torquay U. *v.* Crystal P.
Walsall *v.* Charlton Athletic.

Division III. (Northern).

Barrow *v.* Stockport C.
Bradford *v.* Rochdale.
Chesterfield *v.* Rotherham U.
Halifax T. *v.* Doncaster R.
Lincoln C. *v.* Hartlepools U.
New Brighton *v.* Accrington S.
Tranmere Rovers *v.* Nelson.
Wigan Boro'. *v.* Bradford C.
Wrexham *v.* Southport.

GOLF.

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STARTING TIMES AT FANLING.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

9.24 a.m.	R. M. Smith and H. F. Bloxham.
9.28	,,	W. N. Fleming and F. Taylor.
9.32	,,	F. M. Ellis and J. Kennedy.
9.36	,,	A. Leach and N. K. Littlejohn.
9.40	,,	D. J. Lewis and H. G. Sheldon.
9.44	,,	A. Morley and A. R. Cox.
9.48	,,	F. G. Fowle and H. Rogers.
9.52	,,	H. G. Hegarty and A. Sommerfelt.
9.56	,,	E. Davidson and G. Davidson.
10.00	,,	Sir J. H. Kemp and E. R. Hallifax.
10.04	,,	W. J. Gardiner and J. F. Cameron.
10.08	,,	W. Beveridge and K. S. Morrison.
10.12	,,	E. J. Mahon and C. L. Shank.
10.16	,,	H. R. Sturt and W. A. Butterfield.
10.20	,,	R. H. Hollis and F. A. Merry.

BOXING DAY.

9.24	,,	W. Beveridge and R. P. Moodie.
9.28	,,	T. D. E. Pendered and T. L. Christie.
9.32	,,	R. Young and D. J. Gilmore.
9.36	,,	J. C. M. Smith and Capt. Ashby.
9.40	,,	H. R. Sturt and H. E. Standage.
9.44	,,	D. G. Bruce and X. Cameron.
9.48	,,	M. M. Mans and J. M. Norrie.
9.52	,,	W. Ironside and K. S. Robertson.
9.56	,,	R. M. Smith and L. G. S. Dodwell.
10.00	,,	P. P. J. Wodehouse and E. R. Hallifax.
10.04	,,	E. Davidson and E. Potter.
10.08	,,	H. A. Mills and E. P. Streatfield.
10.12	,,	W. L. Dunbar and R. M. Finlayson.
10.16	,,	W. C. Barber and K. S. Morrison.
10.20	,,	S. A. Arthur and H. W. Kilby.
10.24	,,	F. H. Swayne and N. H. Prockter.
10.28	,,	A. D. Humphreys and D. Forbes.
10.32	,,	H. D. Browne and A. Brearley.
10.36	,,	W. A. Butterfield and B. D. Heath.
10.40	,,	T. C. Monaghan and S. T. Butlin.
10.44	,,	H. G. Hegarty and A. Somerfelt.
10.48	,,	E. C. Frederick and J. Thomson.
10.52	,,	J. H. Raikes and J. H. M. Andrew.
10.56	,,	W. C. Clark and A. B. Cox.
11.00	,,	A. B. Raworth and F. Syme Thomson.
11.04	,,	J. D. H. Crawford and A. Ritchie.
11.08	,,	T. Low and N. K. Littlejohn.
11.12	,,	F. H. Cowherd and W. Stewart.
11.16	,,	A. J. Frank and F. M. Ellis.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH.

9.24	,,	J. H. Raikes and R. A. Green.
9.28	,,	F. Syme Thomson and T. G. Weall.
9.32	,,	W. L. Dunbar and A. Leach.
9.36	,,	R. M. Smith and L. G. S. Dodwell.
9.40	,,	S. A. Arthur and E. C. Frederick.
9.44	,,	J. M. Norrie and N. K. Littlejohn.
9.48	,,	H. Graves and G. H. Bell.
9.52	,,	A. Piercy and J. Thayer.
9.56	,,	W. Stewart and T. Low.
10.00	,,	E. Davidson and E. R. Hallifax.
10.04	,,	H. G. Hegarty and A. Sommerfelt.
10.08	,,	H. R. Sturt and W. A. Butterfield.
10.12	,,	T. L. Christie and K. S. Morrison.
10.16	,,	J. T. McPherson and C. W. Jeffries.
10.20	,,	F. H. Swayne and N. H. Prockter.
10.24	,,	W. K. Tait and J. Cameron.
10.28	,,	T. S. Whyte-Smith and W. Ironside.
10.32	,,	W. M. Lyons and H. E. Standage.
10.36	,,	W. Beveridge and J. H. M. Andrew.
10.40	,,	Major F. Hogg and F. M. Ellis.
10.44	,,	J. Middleton Smith and Capt. Ashby.

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MME. SUN YAT SEN PLEADS FOR THE SOVIET.

COMRADE CHICHERIN'S REPLY TO NATIONALISTS.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19th.

On Saturday, the police permitted no one to enter the Soviet Consulate. Dr. O. Fischer and Mr. W. S. Fleming were denied admission, and it is understood that, not until they received the personal sanction of the Chairman of S.M.C., could they enter. The Municipal police searched all persons leaving the building and in one instance they found several telegrams. The sender of one telegram said that they had to leave Shanghai and asked for final instructions. Augmented guards stood on duty throughout the day and night.

It is understood that everything inside the building is in confusion. Packing crates are being filled with documents, while boxes containing clothing are ready to be placed on board ship. The basement furnace has been kept burning since the edict was handed to the Consul-General.

Yesterday, the Municipal police, at the request of the Chinese authorities, visited about 100 Russian men and women, who were connected with the Consulate or semi-governmental institutions, as well as other suspicious persons, and informed them that their presence in Shanghai no longer was desirable. Should they fail to comply, it is believed that the Chinese will take action through the Provisional Court. Police also did guard duty at Soviet commercial organizations.

The Centrosojus also has been closed.

Mme. Sun's Friends.

Following is the text of a cable received yesterday, from Mme. Sun Yat Sen, from Moscow:—

"Chiang Kai Shek, Shanghai.—Just on point of returning home I learned of your proposal to break off relations with Soviet Russia and demand withdrawal of Soviet Consulates. This act, if carried out, will be suicidal, isolating China and retarding her progress, for which history will hold you to account. If you possess a particle of your leader's vision or remember that close co-operation with Soviet Russia was his last will, then stop headlong plunging over precipice dragging with you fate of your country. I am remaining here as moral protest against your decision, unless last moment steps be taken to avert break. I believe that your alleged grievances could be settled by agreement with Soviet Russia."

Chiang Kai Shew's reply, was as follows:—

"Your telegram dated to-day respectfully received, excepting which neither I nor the rest of your family have received single response to our many telegrams and letters, showing evidently your correspondence was tampered with. For taking this step of breaking off relations with Soviet Russia, whose agents have only recently made holocaust of Canton, we accept full judgment until you arrive here and responsibility, but beg you to defer view situation for yourself. History, I am confident, will record that it was Soviet Russia herself that made a mockery of co-operation by persistently subverting the principles and policies laid down by our revered leader. General opinion here is that, as a loyal Kuomintang member, your telegram and further stay in Russia could not be of your own free will, and you could do far more for the party if you will present your views in person without duress. Eagerly awaiting your early return.—Chiang Kai Shek."

Japanese Press Views.

TOKYO, Dec. 17th.

The vernacular papers evince considerable interest in the Nationalist Government's rupture with the Soviet.

The *Chugai* commenting on the break, considers that it helps to confirm that the Soviet policy to "redden" the world has failed.

The paper fears, however, that the Soviet, balked in China, may seek more fertile soil elsewhere, and, therefore, warns Japan that she must be on her guard.

The press and public generally consider the rupture a serious blow to the Soviet's policy towards China, but think that Moscow can only "cry herself to sleep," as military action would serve no useful purpose and, owing to the fact that the Peking Government does not recognize the Soviet Government, a protest to Peking would be impracticable.—*Reuter.*

Soviet Official Outlook.

TOKYO, Dec. 17th.

In a Press interview, an official of the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo, referring to the Nanking Government's declaration announcing severance of its relations with Russia, said:—

"As we have not yet received any official information as to the breach of the diplomatic relations between Russia and the Nanking Government, we are unable to express our views on the matter at the present moment. But, inasmuch as all the Russian consulates in China were established by the recognition of the Peking Government under a Russo-Chinese Agreement and not by the recognition of the Nanking Government, I think that the Nanking Government's declaration has no validity from a legal point of view. The question is as to what results will be brought about by such an action. At any rate, it is a very unpleasant affair."

Japan Not To Interfere.

December 18th.

General Baron Tanaka, the Premier and Foreign Minister, in a Press interview, said:—

"There is a rumour that General Chiang Kai Shek will ask for the assistance of Japan and Britain in connection with the severance of relations between the Nanking Government and Moscow, but the Japanese Government has no intention whatever of rendering assistance to General Chiang and the Kuomintang in the matter. The severance of the relations between Nanking and Moscow is only a local matter, I suppose, because the Nanking Government is not established on a firm basis. It is, therefore, doubtful whether the Nanking Government's action can be regarded as a severance of diplomatic relations."—*Toho.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

GOVERNMENT ECONOMY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—In the course of the debate at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council it was stated that (to quote your report of the proceedings) "Every effort is made in the Government service to economise in stationery." Are the long-suffering tax-payers really expected to believe this? Perhaps some official will let us know why sheets of foolscap letter paper and foolscap size envelopes are necessary for a three-line reply for the purpose of acknowledging receipt of a letter. I have a few exhibits of this gross extravagance before me as I write, and I dare say there are other of your readers able to support me in this matter.—Yours, etc.,

PEEPING TOM.

Hong Kong, Dec. 23rd, 1927.

HONG KONG ISLAMIC UNION.

A YEAR'S SATISFACTORY WORK.

The annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Islamic Union took place recently and owing to the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, Mr. U. Ramjahn, the chair was occupied by Mr. S. Ackber.

Mr. Ackber reviewed the activities of the Society at some length and mentioned the improvements that had been made in the Mahomedan Mosque and Cemetery. He said that thanks to the efforts of Mr. Sepher, the Hon. Treasurer, in collecting subscriptions the Society is now in a fairly good financial position. He thanked Khan Sahib Nawab Khan of the Indian Moslem Society for the valuable services he had rendered in connection with the improvements in the Cemetery. Mr. Ackber then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts and Mr. S. A. Hamid having second it was unanimously passed.

Mr. Ackber tendered his resignation as a Trustee of the Mosque and Guardian of the Cemetery and Mr. Sepher was elected in his place.

The following were elected to hold office during the ensuing year:—Mr. U. Rumjahn (Chairman), Mr. S. Sepher (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. Juman Ali (Hon. Secretary), Messrs. J. M. Dyer, O. Madar, A. A. Samy, S. Ackber, and Abdul Karim.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. A. Rahmin and seconded by Mr. D. Rumjahn and the meeting terminated.

CHRISTIE AND BLUHM.

When Christie and Bluhm were brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of alleged conspiracy to defraud, the Court was unable to proceed as Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask, counsel for the defence, was not present.

He was, however, summoned by telephone and when he appeared about half an hour later, he told the Magistrate that he thought the case was adjourned until from the previous day until December 28th. He said he was very sorry and that it was a misunderstanding on his part.

Asked as to whether he was able to proceed with the case, Mr. Leask said that he had a case in chambers at the Supreme Court and it was impossible to go on. Both defendants were then remanded until December 28th in the afternoon. His Worship also set the following day for the case.

£100,000 WEDDING GIFT.

NEW YORK.

Miss Millicent Rogers, daughter of the millionaire oil magnate, Col. H. H. Rogers, who, against the wishes of her parents, married in 1924 Count Ludwig Salm von Hoogstraeten, the Austrian tennis player, whom she subsequently divorced, recently became Mrs. Arturo Ramos. Her wedding to her Argentinian fiancé was celebrated quietly at Southampton, Long Island.

Mr. Ramos, who is a Roman Catholic, obtained a dispensation to marry the American heiress, who is a protestant, it being explained that her divorce constituted no obstacle owing to the fact that Count Salm's prior divorce made his marriage to her void in the eyes of the Church.

The bride received from her father a cheque for £100,000 as a wedding present.

THE STANDARD OF LIVING.

MUST IT BE DIMINISHED IN BRITAIN?

HOW THE ECONOMIC LAW WORKS.

"ENGLAND OVER POPULATED."

[BY SIR JOSIAH STAMP, G.B.E.]

In view of recent work by Professor Bowley and myself upon the National Income, I have been asked to express in quite general terms some views upon the standard of living in Europe.

Any broad comparisons which are made between the general standard of living in Europe in 1913 and that prevailing to-day must of necessity be profoundly affected by the inclusion of Russia. In that unhappy land the average standard of life seems to have fallen to a marked degree in recent years, and it is necessary in endeavouring to assess, with even rough accuracy, the standard in Europe as a whole, to leave the Russian figures out of account.

So far as England is concerned, certain facts have recently been made clear from the Report of the Balfour and Colwyn Committees, and the researches of Professor Bowley and myself. The standard of living is somewhat higher than before the war for those in employment, but the actual total, including unemployment, is more in doubt. If a man has regular employment he has a better standard of life, but any attempt to establish a higher standard than the economic circumstances of the country will allow is continually offset by unemployment. The correlation between the measure of unemployed and the height of the real wage which is paid to those in employment has been extraordinarily high in this country since the war. The moral is that there is not much point in having a high standard if it is secured at the expense of an increased number of people who cannot get it.

In the case of France there is little evidence that the standard of living is materially different from that of pre-war days, but in the case of Germany I should say that there has been a pronounced fall. Taking unemployment into consideration I imagine that the standard of living in all Europe (even excluding Russia) is definitely lower than before the war.

Reparations And Debts.

To what extent has this fall been due to reparations and debts? This factor has, up to the present, had very little influence, because neither reparations nor debts are actually being paid to any large extent, or, where they are being technically paid, have often been offset by loans to the countries that owe them. Real produced wealth has not really been leaving the country affected. It has altered its book-keeping title. For example, a factory is erected in Germany which indirectly is owned in America through monies due to America, which are reloaned to Germany. The workpeople who have erected the factory have had the wages, and the effect upon their standard of life is confined to taxation of those wages. For the standard of life of a people may be maintained out of borrowed money or a mortgage of the country's assets or taxation ability. To a very considerable extent taxation for debt does not yet weigh heavily upon the workers' shoulders, but depresses the net income of the wealthy classes. When the debts come to be effectively paid by an export surplus from Europe, then real goods and the results of real labour will be leaving, uncompensated by any return, and the standard of life, being what is left, divided by the population, must be lower. But in Germany the effects of the war are by no means over; nor are the results of the subsequent inflation and disorganisation; and although the recovery since 1923 has been in some respects remarkable, the absolute wealth of Germany is still rather low considering her potentialities.

Effects Of Tariff Walls.

The tariff walls built up by many of Europe's newer nations have undoubtedly affected the position. It is impossible to put a definite figure on it, but there is no question that the aggregate consumable wealth is reduced in quantity by every additional barrier which is erected. As a statistical guess, not less than 5 per cent. in the aggregate seems reasonable. So we must ask ourselves whether we have yet reached a position of post-war normality. In a rapidly shifting economic world normality is difficult to define. We are not entitled now to look upon pre-war conditions as being normal. We have to ask ourselves if we have not reached a point *around* which economic conditions will generally oscillate or fluctuate. I do not think we have had a sufficiently long period since the main break of 1921 to arrive at a definite conclusion on this point. We may look in vain for a "normal" year for some time until adjustments in prices in most centres have completed themselves. They are not

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through with them in France yet; nor in Italy. Remember what the Irishman said: "It is my belief there's not one average woman in fifty." So if you are looking for a year which is a type of year in general it is still a little difficult.

Population And Wealth.

Then we must consider also whether European population has passed the optimum point—the point where the divisor of population into natural resources gives the maximum individual dividend. To this question I think an affirmative answer could now be given. But here again the optimum point is not absolute; under changing conditions of industrial life it can be pushed considerably forward. It is not merely natural resources that have to be divided; it is social and scientific advance which may go far to make up the shortage, to make natural resources go further or to make them more easily acquired. Thus at the present moment I should say that relatively Europe is over-populated, and the chief and earliest remedy would be to transfer some of the people to places where resources are richer.

What are the prospects of a higher standard of living in Europe? It is my opinion that it is still possible to have as high a standard in real value per person as before the war, but it will be then different in two senses. First, it would not increase as rapidly as in the pre-war decades and, secondly, it would not be high in relation to some other parts of the world. The cancellation of inter-Allied debts and reparations might conceivably raise the standard by not exceeding one or two per cent. in Great Britain at once; it would prove of immediate benefit to Germany, but not appreciable at once to France. Its ultimate effect upon France and Germany might, however, be considerable.

THE INTERPORT SHOOT.

COMMENT ON SINGAPORE'S FAILURE.

Commenting on Singapore's failure in the Interport Rifle Shoot, a sports notes writer in the *Singapore Free Press* says:—

At this time of the year it is extremely difficult to get a really good day for rifle shooting, and firing in an Interport match so late in the year places Singapore under a very severe handicap. Nominally, Singapore won the Shield earlier in the year when they fired in the competition and the other two ports failed to fire within the stipulated period. Having agreed to a re-shoot the team made every effort to bring their marksmanship up to the standard set by Hong Kong and Shanghai and that their efforts were not altogether in vain is shown by the final practice score of 937 and their Interport score of 915 under very trying conditions—an addition of thirty-six points to their earlier Interport score this year. When the Interport is fired again next year, Singapore should be more formidable, after another nine months' experience in shooting with the aperture sights.

HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

The following is the health bulletin for Eastern ports for the week ending December 17th:—

Plague.

3 cases at Alexandria.
Bassein (1 death).
Rangoon (3 deaths).

Cholera.

Calcutta (43 deaths).
Rangoon (1 death).
Tuticorin (2 deaths).
3 cases at Pondicherry (1 death).
2 cases at Singapore (2 deaths).
1 case at Bangkok (1 death).

Small-pox.

1 case at Aden.
5 cases at Bombay (1 death).
7 cases at Calcutta (2 deaths).
2 cases at Madras.
6 cases at Rangoon (2 deaths).
2 cases at Tuticorin.
2 cases at Belawan-Deli (2 deaths).
3 cases at Kuching.
1 case at Saigon.
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[A.P.S.11]

JAPAN'S NAVAL STRENGTH.

"LIGHT SWARMS" PREFERRED TO BATTLESHIPS.

SOME STRATEGIC ADVANTAGES OF HER POSITION.

[By SIR HERBERT RUSSELL.]

It was merely a matter of coincidence, I take it, that the greatest naval review which has been held in Japan in recent years should have taken place so comparatively soon after the collapse of the Geneva Conference. Already some of the political writers have discovered a deliberate association between the two events. Thus is current "history" made. As a matter of fact, the occasion was the Imperial Coronation Review of the Japanese Navy, and had just about as much political significance as the annual trooping of the colour on the Horse Guards' parade.

Yet such a fine spectacular demonstration naturally gives rise to some very interesting reflections. Without being a "gesture" it is a display of strength which reminds us of the vital part such strength may play in shaping the destiny of the nation that can wield it. The attitude of the Japanese delegation to the Three-Power Conference won the respect, and, I believe, the confidence of the world. There is no question as to Japan's sincerity in the matter of reduction of armaments. But, like ourselves, she has to think of her own security. Her territory is much the same in area as our own, but poor in agricultural and mineral wealth. On it she has to support a population already ten millions bigger than that of the British Isles and increasing at the rate of three-quarters of a million a year. She can only support this population by means of free sea communication. The only assurance of free sea communication is the ability to effectively defend it against any threat.

173 Warships.

One hundred and seventy-three warships of all classes assembled before the Emperor of Japan on October 30th last. I observed that the correspondent of *The Times* referred to the gathering as "the entire Fleet," but in point of fact it fell a long way short of this. For example, only 14 cruisers were present, whereas Japan possesses 33 such vessels ranging from 10,000-tons downwards. At the end of the Great War she had 21 capital ships. To-day she has 10, but on a ship-to-ship comparison I believe these are equivalent in battle value to any corresponding number which this country or the United States could put against them. The two "Mutsus," of 40,000 tons, each carrying eight 16in. guns, are probably outclassed only by our two "Nelsons." The other vessels carry 14in. guns, which, on paper, are not equal to our 15in. or the American 16in. guns.

How far Japanese naval opinion still favours the battleship as essential to Japanese naval policy I have no means of knowing. But judging by her great activity in other directions since the Washington Agreement I cannot but conclude that she is pinning her faith to "light swarms" rather than to a few giants. On taking her seat at the Washington Conference she possessed 127,000 tons of light cruisers, 68 destroyers, and 15 submarines. She now has 195,700 tons of light cruisers, 109 destroyers, and 58 submarines. Thus, what she has lost in the roundabouts she seems to have pretty well made up on the swings. It is very interesting to note that the biggest aircraft carrier yet afloat, the *Akagi*, made her appearance at the Yokohama review. Thus far Japan only has three of these units, but Japanese naval opinion is unanimous upon the points that her most pressing requirements are more (and as many more as possible) aircraft carriers and fleet auxiliaries.

Advantage Of Remoteness.

Japan derives an indeterminable but very real advantage from two conditions: her remoteness from all other great naval Powers and her self-containment. But for the latter condition the former might easily prove a serious disability. But being self-contained her interests are localized. One cannot conceive the possibility of her going to war with a nation on the other side of the world and carrying that war into her adversary's orbit. On the other hand it is not inconceivable that her policy within what she deems her own sphere might provoke the hostility of a nation on the other side of the world.

Therefore it comes to this, that any war into which Japan is ever likely to be drawn will be a war which she can fight largely upon her own terms, because the enemy will have to come to her own sphere. Let me put it hypothetically. She might someday bring about a situation in Manchuria which would provoke the antagonism of another Power, or Powers, with interests in Manchuria. China might suddenly pause in her permanent diversion of "little affairs" and cry aloud for assistance. We need not discuss the merits of such a very sketchy hypothesis. Assuming it came about, the position that Japan would be able to take up may be summed-up as one of confident defiance. She could simply answer any ultimatum by saying, in effect, "Very well! Here I am: come and turn me out!"

World Commerce.

It is from the standpoint of such a conception that we should regard Japanese naval policy. She has a very important world commerce, and she would have to be prepared to sacrifice this in war. Such a sacrifice would be serious in an economic sense, but so long as she could maintain her vital communications it would not abruptly curtail her war endurance. Those vital communications lie across the Sea of Japan. Her strategical position for maintaining them is exceedingly strong. The "mandate islands" give her a potential chain of submarine bases on the flank of any approach from the Old World. Eastward, the Pacific flows in a vast expanse to the New World, with no bases upon which powerful forces could concentrate and whence they could operate. As her fleet is now constituted she would most probably withdraw her battle squadrons into the Inland Sea, and to a certain degree reproduce our own situation at Scapa during the Great War. Here it would form a formidable covering force to the active squadrons in the Sea of Japan.

In assuming, as I have done, that Japan may be willing to abandon the capital ship, I am, of course, taking it for granted that this is conditional upon the other naval Powers doing likewise. None of the "Big Three" can possibly take this step independently. On the other hand I do not see how Japanese naval policy contemplates the active employment of the battleship in such war possibilities as I have ventured to suggest. Passive resistence from the Inland Sea would be a negative rather than a positive strategm. True, it might become positive in the event of a hostile battle fleet approaching and constituting a battle fleet to come? What objective is it going to risk in the face of such very large torpedo forces as Japan is steadily building up? It is not the functions of a battle fleet to attempt to cut sea communications, which means attacking the enemy vessels passing over those communications. It is the function of a battle fleet to try and cover lighter forces in their attempt to cut such communications. But this implies the existence of suitable strategical bases, and, with the rather doubtful exception of Hong Kong—which under any circumstances I do not think we need drag into the picture at all—none at present exists.

Oceanic Warfare.

There has been a good deal of talk of late about "oceanic warfare," which is a very picturesque phrase. But reducing it to any possible practical meaning, it involves Japan in a Pacific struggle with some other Power—no matter what Power. To do the "oceanic" business she must come forth and take the grand clash in blue water. This appears to be much the same sort of reasoning as anticipated a decisive pitched battle between the whole of the British Navy and the whole of the German Navy as soon as ever they could race to grips after the opening of the war. Japanese naval war policy is based upon the principle of the initiative within the defence. It assumes the possibility that she may be attacked in consequence of the ultimate development of what she regards as her essential aims—essential owing to the crucial problem of over-population. She will already be planted with both feet in the territory in dispute. Her aggressor would either have to attack her there, or strike her elsewhere so effectively as to force her to withdraw. The invasion of England is quite a simple proposition as compared with the invasion of Japan. The blockading of Japan, so as to cut her communications across the Sea of Japan, does not sound a very attractive adventure for any Power whose nearest home base is thousands of miles away. In a military sense, more than any other country in the world, Japan is strong in her "splendid isolation." Various American writers regard her as so strong that they have pictured her Fleet making a descent upon the shores of California. She has, of course, overrun Australia many times in cold print. A world which can find anything to smile at in the buffoonery of the Mayor of Chicago may still discover dramatic fascination in the "Yellow Peril." But this is not the sort of rubbish that the Japanese Navy stands for. —*Naval and Military Record.*

OIL POLLUTION OF SEA.

FAILURE OF COMPANY WITH SEPARATOR INVENTION.

The statutory meetings of the creditors and of the shareholders in the compulsory liquidation of General Oil Conservancy, Ltd., Salisbury House, London-wall, E.C., were held at the Board of Trade offices, Carey-street, W.C.

The Official Receiver said that the company was formed in 1923 to acquire and exploit an invention for separating oil from water. The issued capital was £12,030. The directors had been Major-General J. E. B. Seely, Lord Southborough, Sir H. W. S. Chilcott, M.P. (who resign in August last), Mr. J. Burn Conly, and Mr. H. M. Alexander.

Major-General Seely had stated that the company was the outcome of steps which he and Sir H. Warden Chilcott had taken, in conjunction with other yachtmen, to try to abate the nuisance of oil pollution in sea water.

They agreed to adopt the apparatus invented by Mr. Alexander. The company's failure was attributed to the Admiralty's test being too severe and to the lack of commercial demand for the separator owing to no international agreement regarding oil pollution.

A statement of affairs showed liabilities of £26,300, of which £15,300 was due to directors and their friends for loans, and assets of 4s. 9d. A total deficiency of £38,330 was disclosed with reference to the shareholders.

A difference of opinion arose with reference to the appointment of a liquidator, and it was stated that the matter would be referred to the court for decision.

LORD OF APPEAL AS HUMORIST.

ANECDOTES OF THE COURTS.

Famous judges and two notable trials are recalled by Lord Shaw of Dunfermline, the wise and witty Lord of Appeal, in a delightful book of memories, "The Other Bundle."

Looking back over his seventy-seven years, Lord Shaw also reflects and soliloquises on life and literature, and revels in one chapter in a Scotsman's favourite weakness—sallies at the Scottish genius for economy and whisky.

"Years ago," he writes, "I heard of this ridiculous conversation between buyer and seller at the refreshment stage:

"Seller (as in duty bound), 'George name your drink.'

"Buyer (with a twinkle in his eye), 'Weel, Weelum, I'll hae a bottle o' champagne!'

"Seller (solemnly), '*Name something nearer threepence!*'"

The late Sir William Robertson-Nicol had from Robert Chambers, the Edinburgh publisher, this story, which Lord Shaw heard from Sir William, about Sydney Smith, the celebrated ecclesiastical wit. It was Sydney Smith who declared that it needed a surgical instrument to get a joke into a Scotsman's head. Chambers was "furious at the gibe," and tackled Smith about it.

"Mr. Chambers," said Smith, "I do not think you understand what surgical instrument I was referring to."

"I do not," says Chambers. "What was it?"

A Corkscrew.

"Oh!" replied the incorrigible Smith, "it was a corkscrew!"

In a chapter on Lord Young, a brilliant Scottish judge, there is a story of a couple of farmers who went to law. Young, then an advocate, was counsel for the plaintiff.

"His eloquence soared high," says Lord Shaw, "and he narrated

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CHURCH NOTICES.

UNION CHURCH
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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES, December 25th:—
Sunday School at 9.45 a.m.
Morning at 10.30 a.m.—General Service and K.O.S.B. Parade.
Hymns: 178, 164, 737 and 171.
Preacher:—Rev. J. Kirk Macnaschie.
Subject:—"Places Where The Lord Lay."
11.30 a.m.—Children's Baptism.
Evening Service at 6 p.m.:—
Christmas Hymns and Carols: Nos. 168, 81, 730, 178 and 104.
Preacher:—Rev. J. Kirk Macnaschie.
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the wrongs of his client in a way which would have been most moving but for the extraordinary conduct of that worthy, who broke into laughter of manifest enjoyment. His counsel stood petrified.

"When he again soared—this time on the iniquities of the other farmer—his client again lost his self-control, and his disconcerting laughter made Young, by this time in a towering wrath, pause in confusion.

"He then concluded his address and rushed his client into the lobby of the court, where he treated him to language appropriate to his indignation.

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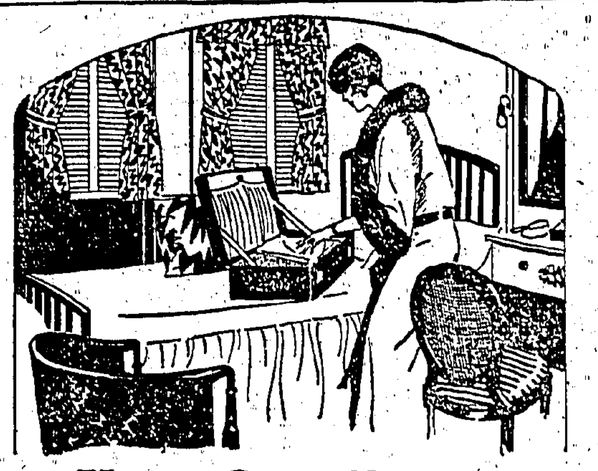

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City of Calcutta, Jan 14th.
City of Madras, Jan. 21st.
City of Adelaide, Feb. 18th.

Ben Line.
Benrinnes, to-morrow.

Blue Funnel Line.
Patroclus, Dec. 26th.
Ixion, Dec. 29th.
Perseus, Dec. 29th.
Tydareus, Dec. 29th.
Pyrrhus, Dec. 30th.
Myrmidon, Jan 7th.
Rhexenor, Jan. 9th.
Hector, Jan. 13th.
Mentor, Jan. 17th.
Protesilaus, Jan. 17th.
Troilus, Jan. 22nd.
Neleus, Jan. 31st.
Ningchow, Feb. 2nd.
Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.
Talthybius, Feb. 7th.
Aeneas, Feb. 13th.
Autolycus, Feb. 19th.
Achilles, Feb. 27th.
Medon, Feb. 28th.
Polyphemius, Feb. 28th.
Bellerophon, Mar. 2nd.
Calchas, Mar. 4th.
Sarpedon, Mar. 8th.

British-India and Apcar Line.
Santhia, Jan. 2nd.
Garmula, Jan. 7th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Asia, Dec. 29th.

Dodwell & Co.
Corby Castle, Jan. 1st.
Viminale, Jan. 5th.
Bowes Castle, Jan. 22nd.

Dollar Steamship Line.
President Taft, Dec. 28th.
President Harrison, Dec. 31st.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Australien, Feb. 15th.
Asia, Feb. 21st.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
St. Albans, Dec. 27th.
Arafura, Jan. 2nd.
Tanda, Feb. 6th.

Glen Line.
Glenamoy, Jan. 20th.
Glentanda, Jan. 28th.
Glenapp, Feb. 2nd.
Glenluce, Feb. 23rd.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien.
Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st.
Oldenburg, Jan. 12th.
Havelland, Jan. 28th.
Mecklenburg, Feb. 5th.
Emil Kirdorf, Feb. 25th.

Holland East Asia Line.
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Tjikembang, Dec. 26th.
Tjikini, Jan. 2nd.
Tjiliwong, Jan. 2nd.
Tjisaroea, Jan. 5th.
Tjisalak, Jan. 16th.
Tjitaroem, Jan. 16th.
Tjisondari, Jan. 19th.

Messageries Maritimes.
Angers, Jan. 4th.
D'Artagnan, Jan. 18th.
Yangtse, Jan. 23rd.
General Metzinger, Feb. 1st.
Sphinx, Feb. 15th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Kamo Maru, Dec. 26th.
Genoa Maru, Dec. 26th.
Takaoka Maru, Dec. 26th.
Seiyo Maru, Dec. 28th.
Hakusan Maru, Dec. 30th.
Nagano Maru, Dec. 30th.
Tottori Maru, Dec. 30th.
Meigen Maru, Dec. 31st.
Penang Maru, Jan. 2nd.
Hakodate Maru, Jan. 7th.
Morioka Maru, Jan. 7th.
Katori Maru, Jan. 8th.
Taiyo Maru, Jan. 8th.
Durban Maru, Jan. 9th.
Aden Maru, Jan. 12th.
Kawachi Maru, Jan. 12th.
Ginyo Maru, Jan. 13th.
Kitano Maru, Jan. 13th.
Tajima Maru, Jan. 14th.
Aki Maru, Jan. 17th.
Kamakura Maru, Jan. 19th.
Haruna Maru, Jan. 27th.
Tenyo Maru, Jan. 27th.
Tatsuno Maru, Feb. 1st.
Delagoa Maru, Feb. 6th.
Fatsuno Maru, Feb. 6th.
Mishimi Maru, Feb. 12th.
Calcutta Maru, Feb. 19th.
Mishima Maru, Feb. 21st.
Calcutta Maru, Feb. 25th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Anhalt, Jan. 12th.
Saarbruecken, Jan. 17th.
Coblenz, Feb. 14th.

Peninsular and Oriental.
Devanha, to-day.
Delta, Dec. 31st.
Malwa, Jan. 6th.
Nellore, Jan. 13th.
Khyber, Jan. 20th.
Khiva, Jan. 27th.
Macedonia, Feb. 3rd.
Nagpore, Feb. 10th.
Kalyan, Feb. 17th.
Kashmir, Feb. 17th.
Mantua, Mar. 1st.
Lahore, Mar. 11th.
Mongolia, Mar. 16th.
Morea, Mar. 29th.

Prince Line.
Javanese Prince, Dec. 31st.
Japanese Prince, Jan. 28th.

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Canton, Jan. 5th.
Delhi, Jan. 13th.

LLOYD'S AND THE COMING CHANGE-OVER.

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Lloyd's had its origin in a little City coffee-house bearing its name. To-day in the Royal Exchange the seats occupied by the underwriters are known as "boxes," and are fashioned after the style of furniture used in old London eating-houses.

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 23rd.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.98	30.05	30.02
Temperature	74	66	76
Humidity ...	69	71	42
Wind—			
Direction	SW.	Calm	N
Force ...	3	0	3
Weather ...	O	B	B
Rain	0.01	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 22nd: 75
Lowest open-air Temperature, 23rd: 65

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 24th to 30th, 1927.

Day of Week	Date of Month	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Sat.	24	m 10 26	4 8	m 3 59	1 2
		8 49 a	7 9	2 24 a	3 4
Sun.	25	m 11 14	4 3	m 4 36	0 9
		9 25 a	8 1	3 2 a	3 5
Mon.	26	0 1 a	4 2	m 5 15	0 7
		10 4 a	8 2	3 29 a	3 5
Tues.	27	0 48 a	4 2	m 5 57	0 7
		10 46 a	8 0	3 59 a	3 6
Wed.	28	1 36 a	4 2	m 6 43	0 8
		11 34 a	7 6	4 39 a	3 7
Thur.	29	2 26 a	4 3	m 7 22	1 1
				5 37 a	3 9
Fri.	30	m 0 33	7 1	m 8 22	1 4
		3 18 a	4 6	6 56 a	4 0

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Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1927. [5692

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th December, will be subject to Rent.

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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LUCHOW"	On 26th Dec.,	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 26th Dec.,	10 a.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SHANTUNG"	On 26th Dec.,	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 29th Dec.,	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUIYANG"	On 31st Dec.,	8 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 31st Dec., 1928.—	7 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANSING"	On 1st Jan.,	7 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KALGAN"	On 1st Jan.,	10 a.m.
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SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW"	On 2nd Jan.,	8 a.m.
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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHUSAN"	On 5th Jan.,	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SZECHUEN"	On 7th Jan.,	6 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 8th Jan.,	7 a.m.
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Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

December 21st.

Sinkiang, British str., 1,328 tons, Capt. W. G. McKenzie, from Swatow, lying at Taikoo Dock.—B. & S.

December 22nd.

Borneo Maru, Japanese str., 4,291 tons, Capt. Y. Takata, from Moji, which port she left on December 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Chenan, British str., 1,355 tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C38.—B. & S.

Corona, Norwegian str., 1,953 tons, Capt. O. M. Kletto, from Chinwangtao, which port she left on December 16th, with a cargo of coal, lying at Laichikok.—Dodwell & Co.

Luchow, British str., 1,221 tons, Capt. F. Potter, from Dalny and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C14.—B. & S.

Seattle Maru, Japanese str., 3,622 tons, Capt. G. Fujita, from Singapore, which port she left on December 14th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Svale, Norwegian str., 1,354 tons, Capt. P. J. Stolen, from Hoihow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44.—Lee Fat S.S. Co.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Lo San, from Autau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

December 23rd.

Anhui, British str., 2,080 tons, Capt. G. H. Pennefather, from Singapore and Amoy, with a cargo of firewood, lying at buoy No. A21.—B. & S.

Glenogle, British motor ship, 9,513 tons, Capt. W. E. Roberts, from Singapore, which port she left on December 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Kaitsu Maru, Japanese str., 905 tons, Capt. M. Eguchi, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B51.—M.S.K.

Kashgar, British str., 5,551 tons, Capt. L. L. Williams, from Yokohama *vid* Shanghai. The latter port she left on December 20th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A1.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

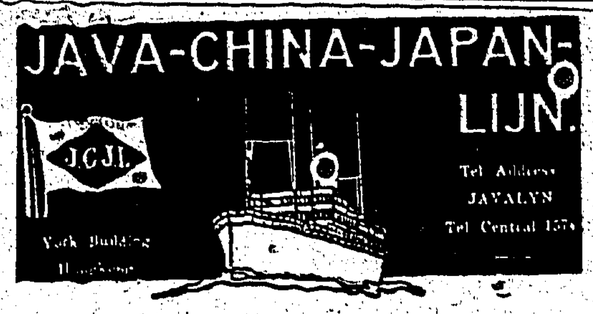
Taiei Maru, Japanese str., 2,268 tons, Capt. T. Shimada, from Wakamatsu and Karatsu, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. C49.—Y.K.K.

Tjimanoek, Dutch str., 3,510 tons, Capt. J. Schöl, from Batavia and Muntok, with sugar and general cargo, lying at buoy No. A6.—J.C.J.L.

CLEARANCES.

December 23rd.

Daifuku Maru, for Hongay.
Fukui Maru No. 2, for Keelung.
Glenogle, for Shanghai.
Hai Ching, for Swatow.
Hin Sang, for Sandakan.
Hung On, for Whampoa.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Kashgar, for Singapore.
Machael Jebsen, for Hoihow.
Palawan, for Manila.
Sagara Maru, for Amoy.
Sanka Maru, for Hongay.
Seattle Maru, for Kobe.
Shin Hing, for Macao.
Tak Hing, for Autau.
Tsurugisan Maru, for Whampoa.
Waishing, for Swatow.



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TJIKEMBANG	S'HAI, K'LUNG. & AMOY	26th Dec.	29th "	BATAVIA
TJILIWONG	JAVA, MACASSAR	2nd Jan.	4th Jan.	AMOY & SAIGON
TJIKINI	N. C. & AMOY	2nd "	4th "	MACASSAR & JAVA
TJISAROEA	BATAVIA	5th "	7th "	AMOY, S'HAI, K'LUNG.
TJIMANOEK	S'HAI, K'LUNG.	9th "	11th "	BATAVIA
TJITAROEM	JAVA, MACASSAR	16th "	18th "	AMOY & N. CHINA
TJISALAK	N. C. & AMOY	16th "	17th "	BATAVIA
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	19th "	21st "	AMOY, S'HAI, K'LUNG
TJISAROEA	S'HAI, K'LUNG. & AMOY	23rd "	25th "	BATAVIA

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The river steamers, including the afternoon boat of the Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. were arrived here late yesterday.

The Steamboat company's steamer grounded on the mud, and it was not until about five o'clock that she arrived.

Spasmodic firing still continues on the river, and the river still appears to be infested by pirates, or disbanded groups of soldiery who have turned brigand.

DEATH OF ADMIRAL CHARLES JOHNSTONE.

NAVAL DISASTER RECALLED.

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The flagship sank in a few minutes, Admiral Tryon and 358 members of the crew being drowned.

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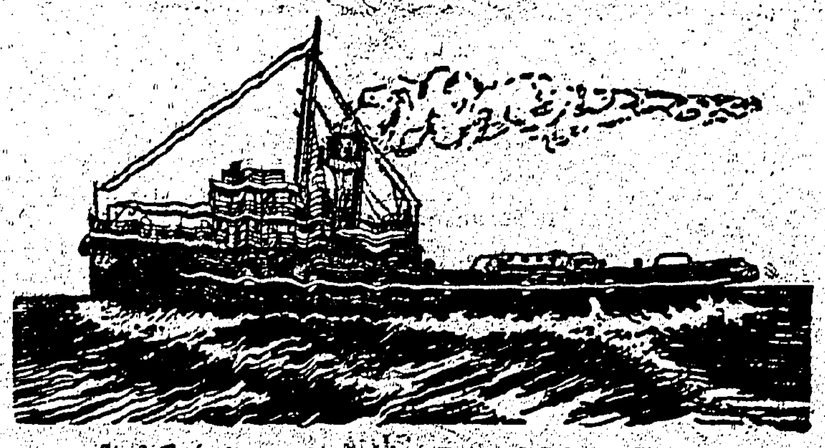

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	"YATSHING"	Tues., 27th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"FOOSHING"	Sun., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
	"KWONGSANG"	Wed., 4th Jan., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSHING"	Fri., 30th Dec., at 5 p.m.
KOBE via AMOY, MOJI & YOKOHAMA	"KUMSANG"	Sun., 25th Dec., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"NAMSANG"	Sun., 8th Jan., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI, & KOBE	"KUTSANG"	Wed., 16th Jan., at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Sun., 1st Jan., at 3 p.m.
	"HUSANG"	Wed., 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Satur., 24th Dec., at 11 a.m.
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HARUNA MARU ... ... Saturday, 28th Jan.

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† DURBAN MARU ... ... Tuesday, 10th Jan., 1928.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
† NAGANO MARU ... ... Saturday, 31st Dec.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOW LOCAL IMPORTS.

NORMAL THROUGH CARGOES.

Although there were 11 vessels arriving into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday and each one of them had cargo for the Colony, the total amount was below the average. Through freights, however, were normal.

There were only 6,615 tons of general merchandise brought into the Colony, of which, 1,550 tons were contributed by British ships. The only four figure return was 2,855 tons by the s.s. *Corona* from Chinwangtao.

Through *freights* amounted to 17,468 tons, three British steamers accounting for 4,420 tons. The two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Seattle Maru* and the *Borneo Maru*. The former arriving from Calcutta and Singapore carried 4,000 tons and the latter from Yokohama and Moji had 3,775 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were the following:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	5	6
Japanese	3	1
Norwegian	2	2
Chinese	1	1
Dutch	0	2
Total	11	12

S.S. *Soochow* (British) from Shanghai and Swatow, 450 tons general inward and 80 tons through.

S.S. *Yatshing* (British) from Shanghai and Swatow, 710 tons general inward, and 750 tons general.

S.S. *Luchow* (British) from Dalny and Amoy, 350 tons general inward, and 50 tons through.

S.S. *Kashgar* (British) from Yokohama and Shanghai, 40 tons general inward, and 3,540 tons through.

S.S. *Svale* (Norwegian) from Hoihow, 2,170 tons oil for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Corona* (Norwegian) from Chinwangtao, 2,855 tons general inward, and 1,700 tons through.

S.S. *Seattle Maru* (Japanese) from Calcutta and Singapore, 1,000 tons general inward, and 4,000 tons through.

S.S. *Borneo Maru* (Japanese) from Yokohama and Moji, 898 tons inward and 3,775 tons through.

S.S. *Bingo Maru* (Japanese) from Yokohama and Moji, 247 tons inward, and 3,571 tons through.

S.S. *Tak Hing* (Chinese) from Macao, 55 tons inward.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived at Yokohama on December 22nd and left the same day. She is due at Hong Kong on Thursday, December 29th, and will sail for Manila on Friday, December 30th, at 5 p.m.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

PLAYING WITH ROCKETS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

Three Chinese mess room boys on board the s.s. *Empress of Russia*, who conceived the notion of firing a rocket to while away the time, while the vessel was lying idle at the Kowloon Dock, found that playing with an explosive of which they knew nothing, was a dangerous as well as painful past-time. They lit the rocket and not being able to handle it, they were burnt severely in the face, which necessitated their removal to hospital.

Wireless Operator On Leave.

Mr. W. J. Chilvers, the wireless operator of the s.s. *Taishan* is leaving to-day by the s.s. *Kashgar* for a well-earned five months' furlough. His position on the *Taishan* is being temporarily taken by Mr. E. Hume.

Ships Dock Yesterday.

Two ships were docked yesterday for their half-yearly overhaul. The s.s. *Devawongse* went into Kowloon Dock in the morning and the *Kong Ying* went into Shamshuipo.

New Atlantic Luxury Liner.

The Hamburg-South America Company's new luxury liner is provided with a full-sized tennis court, a spectators' gallery, and an open air gymnasium.

Asiatic Deck Passengers.

Out of 11 steamers arriving here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, only four carried Asiatic deck passengers into the Colony. The total number of persons brought was 248.

Calcutta Pilot Acquitted.

CALCUTTA.

The additional Sessions Judge at Alipore, with a special jury, concluded the hearing of a case in which Mr. E. G. Bacon, pilot in charge of the *Rabenfels*, was prosecuted for alleged negligence and breach of duty, resulting in a collision with the *Calcutta*, which was sunk in the Fulta Bight, on August 29th. The jury unanimously found the pilot "not guilty" and the Judge acquitted him of the charges.

After 128 Years: Payment For Seizure Of British Vessel.

TORONTO.

Settlement of the claims of the heirs of the Hon. James Crooks, against the United States Government, for seizure of his schooner, *Lord Nelson*, 128 years ago, has just been made.

The Canadian Government to-day notified Mr. A. D. Crooks, a Toronto barrister, of the receipt of a cheque for $23,644, minus arbitration charges, for distribution amongst the heirs, who are said to number 125.

Panama Canal Traffic.

LONDON.

Washington.—The annual report of the Secretary for War says that the traffic in the Panama Canal last year was the heaviest in the history of the undertaking.

The receipts exceeded the expenditure by over $16,000,000.

He urged the construction of a dam at a cost of $11,000,000 to store more water for the canal, and thus enable them to quadruple the present traffic.

New Method Of Salvage.

The pig iron cargo steamer *Ellerwater*, which has broken up on the Carr rocks off North Berwick, may be recovered by a new magnetic process of salvage which consists of employing a two-ton electro-magnet which will be lowered by a crane.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were as follows:—

North Wall Basin, *Carlisle, Sterling, Stormcloud, Francol*; South Wall Basin, *Cicala*; East Wall Basin, S/Ms. *L.4, L.8, L.19, L.27*; North Arm, *Argus, Kharki*; West Wall Dock, *Hawkins, Peterfield*; In Dock, *Wolverine, Moorhen, Faulknor*; Oil Fuel Jetty, *Fortal*; No. 2 Buoy, *Magnolia*; No. 3 Buoy, *Hollyhock*; No. 4 Buoy, *Herald*; No. 5 Buoy, *Iroquois*; No. 6 Buoy, *Marazion*; No. 7 Buoy, *Titania*, S/Ms. *L.2, L.3, L.7, L.20*; No. 8 Buoy, *Ambrose*; S/Ms. *L.1, L.5, L.15, L.33*; No. 10 Buoy, *Seraph, Sepoy*; No. 11 Buoy, *Serapis, Sirdar*; No. 12 Buoy, *Thracian*; No. 13 Buoy, *Bruce*; No. 20 Buoy, *Belgol*; No. 26 Buoy, *Euthenia*; No. A28 Buoy, *War Bharata*.

Foreign Men of War:—French, *Jules Michelet, Argus*; U.S.S. *Sacramento*.

VESSELS IN PORT.

The following were the vessels in port yesterday:—

British:—*Chenan, Kashgar, Hydrangea, Haiching, Kwong Sang, Kanchow, Kaying, Benriacket, Yuen Sang, Hin Sang, Kwangchow, Empress of Russia, Gorgistan, Wing Hong, Haldis, Taming, Ling Nam, Kalgan, Shan Si, Sui Sang, Team, Sumatra, Taikoo*.

American:—*Gold Shell*.

Danish:—*Micheal Jebsen*.

Norwegian:—*Svale, Corona, Solviken, Sanoviken, Havdrot, Eiger, Prominent, Kronviken, Mondego*.

Panama:—*Pawnee*.

Japanese:—*Seattle Maru, Borneo Maru, Bingo Maru, Kaijo Maru, Fukui Maru, Tsurigiwan Maru, Sagara Maru, Diafuku Maru, Sanka Maru, Rakuyo Maru*.

Chinese:—*Hung On, Chung Kong, Hua Lee No. 1, Fuh Tai, Hoi Cheong, Haimun, Confucius, Devawongse, Derwent, Ban Foo Soon, Poo Tye, Lee Cheong, Gen. H. Hunt, Gen. H. Know, Man Sun*.

Dutch:—*Hankow, Java, Otto, Hong Kong*.

Portuguese:—*Kong On, King On*.

French:—*Song Bo, Hanoi, Limchow, Tai Poo Tek*.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
December 24th	7.00 a.m.	5.45 p.m.
" 25th	7.00 "	5.46 "
" 26th	7.00 "	5.46 "
" 27th	7.01 "	5.47 "
" 28th	7.01 "	5.47 "
" 29th	7.02 "	5.48 "
" 30th	7.02 "	5.48 "
" 31st	7.03 "	5.49 "

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"KASHGAR"	9,005	24th Dec., Noon	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull
"MOREA"	10,963	7th Jan., 1928	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th Jan. "	Straits and Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	21st Jan., "	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull
"MALWA"	10,986	4th Feb., "	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	18th Feb., "	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull.
"NELLORE"	6,853	25th Feb., "	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	3rd Mar., "	do.
‡"KHIVA"	9,135	10th Mar., "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
‡"KASHMIR"	8,985	17th Mar., "	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull.
"KARMALA"	9,123	24th Mar., "	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	31st Mar., "	do.
‡"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April, "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April, "	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,963	28th April, "	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th May, "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,986	26th May, "	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	9th June, "	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd June, "	do.

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"TAKLIWA"	7,936	14th Jan.	do.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	28th Jan.	do.

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*"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	30th Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane Sydney and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	27th Jan., 1928	
"TANDA"	6,956	2nd Mar., "	

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The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"DEVANHA"	8,155	25th Dec., 6 a.m.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"DELTA"	8,087	1st Jan., 1928	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd Jan., "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"SANTHIA"	7,754	4th Jan., "	Amoy, S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"MALWA"	10,986	7th Jan., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"NELLORE"	6,853	13th Jan., "	do.
"KHYBER"	9,114	21st Jan., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*"KHIVA"	9,135	3rd Feb., "	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th Feb., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TANDA"	6,956	7th Feb., "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*"NAGPORE"	5,283	17th Feb., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	18th Feb., "	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	18th Feb., "	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,946	2nd Mar., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	6th Mar., "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
*"LAHORE"	5,252	12th Mar., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Mar., "	do.
"MOREA"	10,963	30th Mar., "	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	13th April, "	do
"MALWA"	10,986	27th April, "	do.
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The G.P.O.:—Monday, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., and Tuesday, 8 a.m. to noon.

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The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Calcutta & Straits	*Kumsang*... ...	24th Dec.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers, London, 24th Nov., & parcels, 17th, Nov.)	*Devanha*	24th Dec.
Straits	*City of Pekin* ...	24th Dec.
Shanghai & Swatow	*Shantung*	24th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai ...	*Pres. McKinley* ..	26th Dec.
Straits	*Kamo Maru* ...	26th Dec.
Shanghai	*Patroclus* ...	26th Dec.
Manila	*Pres. Taft* ...	26th Dec.
Shanghai & Amoy	*Chinhua*	26th Dec.
Suez & Straits	*Izion*	29th Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai..	*Empress of Asia*...	29th Dec.
Suez and Straits...	*Pyrrhus*	30th Dec.
Japan & Shanghai	*Hakusan Maru* ...	30th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Harrison*	31st Dec.
Australia & Manila	*Arafura*	2nd Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Saturday, 24th. *Kowloon P.O.*
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st Jan., 1928	*Kashgar* ...	Reg. 9.00 A M; Letters 10.00 A M *G.P.O.* Reg. 9.45 A M; Letters 10.30 A M
Sandakan	*Hinsang*	9.30 A M
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	*Hupeh* ..	10.00 A M
Amoy	*Tjinnanock* ...	2.30 P M
Saigon	*Prominent* ...	2.30 P M
Amoy	*Kum Sang* ..	5.00 P M
Shanghai, Japan and Europe vin Siberia	*Devanha* ..	5.00 P M
Straits	*Peleus*	5.00 P M
Pakhoi & Haiphong	*Limchow* ...	5.00 P M
		Sunday, 25th, 9.00 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kaijo Maru* ...	
		Monday, 26th. 8.30 A M
Bangkok via Swatow	*Kaying*	Noon
Amoy	*Shantung* ...	Noon
Manila	*Pres. McKinley* ...	
		Tuesday, 27th. *Kowloon P.O.*
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Mars., 25th Jan., 1928	*Patroclus* ...	Reg. 8.00 A M; Letters 8.00 A M *G.P.O.* Reg. 8.15 A M; Letters 8.30 A M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & *EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 16th Jan., 1928, & Europe via Siberia	*Pres. Taft*	Parcels 10.00 A M; Reg. 11.15 A M; Letters Noon
Shanghai & *Japan	*Kamo Maru* ...	10.30 A M
Sandakan	*Sui Sang*... ...	Noon
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Kiss Hong*... ...	Noon
		Thursday, 29th. 8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	*Deli Maru*	
		Friday, 30th, Parcels Noon; Reg. 1.45 P M; Letters 2.30 P M
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island,—due Thursday Island, 14th January, 1928 ...	*St. Allans* ..	
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ning* ..	1.00 P M
Manila	*Empress of Asia*...	3.30 P M

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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"PATROCLUS" 10 a.m., 27th Dec., Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Glasgow.
*"ORESTES" 10th Jan. Mars., L'don., R'dam. & H'burg.
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ESTABLISHED 1824.

HONG KONG OFFICE: 11, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

Authorised Capital..Guilders 150,000,000. (£12,500,000.)
Paid-Up Capital.....Guilders 80,000,000- (£6,666,670.)
Reserve Fund.....Guilders 40,000,000- (£3,333,333.)

Head Office—AMSTERDAM.*
Eastern Head Office—BATAVIA.

BRANCHES.—Bandjermasin, Bandoeng*, Bombay, Calcutta, Cheribon, Jiddah, Djember, Djokjakarta*, The Hague*, Kobe, Kota-Radja, Makassar, Medan, Padang, Palembang, Pekalongan, Penang, Pontianak, Rangoon, Rotterdam*, Samarang*, Shanghai, Sibolga (Sumatra), Soerabaia, Soerakarta (Solo) Tegal, Tjilatjap and Wo's Gravenhage*.

*These offices have Safe Deposit Boxes To Let.

London Bankers:—National Provincial Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents all over the world. Banking Business of every description transacted.

O. STEENSTRA,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34

THE BANK OF CHINA.
中國銀行

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL...$60,000,000.00
PAID-UP CAPITAL 19,760,200.00
RESERVE FUND 9,864,293.89
Head Office:—PEKING
Hong Kong Branch:—4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Branches and Sub-branches all over China, and Correspondents in Europe, America, and other parts of the world.

London Bankers:—THE GUARANTY TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK, THE NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK, LTD.
New York Bankers:—THE EQUITABLE EASTERN BANKING CORPORATION, THE IRVING BANK-COLUMBIA TRUST CO.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on Approved Securities.

Special facilities for domestic exchange.

SHOU J. CHEN,
Manager.

Hong Kong 30th June 1927 [33

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £2,800,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES

ALOR STAR	IPOH	RANGOON
(Malay States)	KARACHI	SAIGON
AMRITSAR	KUANG	SEMARANG
BANGKOK	KOBE	SERENBAN
BATAVIA	KUALA	SHANGHAI
BOMBAY	KANGSAR	SINGAPORE
CALCUTTA	KUALA	SOURABAYA
CANTON	LUMPUR	TAIPING
CAWNPORE	KUCHING	(Sarawak)
CEBU	MADRAS	TAVOY
COLOMBO	MANILA	TIENTSIN
DELHI	MEDAN	TOKYO
HAIPHONG	NEW YORK	TSINGTAO
HAMBURG	PEKING	YOKOHAMA
HANKOW	PENANG	RAMBOANGA
HONG KONG	PESHAWAR	(Philippine
ILOILO	PUKET	Islands).

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

J. E. GEORGE,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [30

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE POUR LE COMMERCE ET L'INDUSTRIE.

(Incorporated in France).

1, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong.

HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue St. Lazare, Paris.

Capital, fully paid up..... Frs. 40,000,000
Special Working Capital Frs. 50,000,000
Reserves ..... Frs. 15,275,000

BRANCHES:

Paris	Lyons	Marseilles
Saigon	Haiphong	Hanoi
Pnom Penh	Peking	Tientsin
Shanghai	Hong Kong	

BANKERS:
France: Société Générale, Banque Nationale de Crédit, Banque de Paris et des Pays Bas.
London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
New York: Irving Bank, Columbia Trust Co.

Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted. Correspondents throughout the World.

A. ROLLIN,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 21st April 1927.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorised Capital ... £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital ... £1,800,000
Paid-up Capital ... £1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest ... £1,345,687

BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND and MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES:

Bangkok	Kandy	Penang
Batavia	Karachi	Port Louis (Mauritius)
Bombay	Kota Bharu	Rangoon
Calcutta	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
Colombo	Kuantan (Pahang)	Simla
Delhi	Madras	Singapore
Galle	New York	Sourabaya
Hong Kong		
Howrah		

HONG KONG BRANCH:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 4 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.

C. L. C. SANDER, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1927. [29

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid up ... Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund ... Yen 98,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES IN:

Alexandria	Honolulu	Rangoon
Batavia	Kai Yuen	Saigon
Bombay	Karachi	Sourabaya
Buenos Ayres	Kobe	San Francisco
Calcutta	London	Seattle
Canton	Los Angeles	Semarang
Changchun	Manila	Shanghai
Dairen	Nagasaki	Singapore
(Dalny)	Nagoya	Shimonoseki
Fengtien (Mukden)	Newchwang	Sydney
Hamburg	Osaka	Tientsin
Hankow	New York	Tokyo
Harbin	Peking	Tsinanfu
Hong Kong	Rio de Janeiro	Tsingtao
	Vladivostock (Temporarily closed)	

Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received for Fixed Periods at rates to be obtained on application.

H. MOEL, Manager.
Hong Kong 15th September 1927. [25

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital...Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...Frs.63,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Frs.89,384,519.10

BRANCHES:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Pondicherry
Battambang	Hong Kong	Saigon
Cantho	Mengtze	Shanghai
Canton	Nam-Dinh	Singapore
Djibouti	Noumea	Tientsin
Fort Bayard	Papeete	Tourane
Haiphong	Peking	Yunnanfou
Hankow	Pnom-Penh	

BANKERS:
IN FRANCE: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Crédit Industrial et Commercial; Société Générale.
IN LONDON: The National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Crédit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co.; French-American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trusty Co., of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposit according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes to let.

CH. LEM,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 26th February, 1927. [32

THE BANK OF CANTON, LTD.
Established 1912.

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

Hong Kong Currency

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....$11,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL 8,664,200
RESERVE FUND..... 850,000

Branches—
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LOCK POON SHAN,
37 Chief Manager.

P. & O. BANKING CORPORATION, LIMITED.

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HEAD OFFICE:
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L. E. HOPKINS,
Manager.

Prince's Building, Chater Road.
38] Hong Kong.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.
No. 10, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL
HONG KONG.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL $10,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL... 5,000,000
RESERVE... 1,200,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:—

Batavia	London	Penang	Singapore
Bombay	Manila	Rangoon	Sourabaya
Calcutta	Melbourne	Saigon	Sydney
Canton	Nagasaki	San Francisco	Taipeh
Haiphong	New York		Tientsin
Honolulu	Osaka	Seattle	Tokyo
Kobe	Paris	Semarang	
Kowloon	Peking	Shanghai	

Correspondents in all principal cities of the world.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES TO LET.

KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager
Hong Kong, 5th Sept. 1927.

EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 23rd, 1927.

ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2/0⅛
Bank Bills, on demand	2/0 5/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	—
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/0⅛
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/1⅛
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/1⅛
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,255
Credits, 4 months' sight	1,230
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	49⅝
Credits, at 60 days' sight	51
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	134
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	134
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	78⅜
Private, 30 days' sight	—
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand	106
ON MANILA.—On demand	99½
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand	86⅛
ON BATAVIA.—On demand	121¼
ON HAIPHONG.—On demand	—
ON SAIGON.—On demand	nom.
ON BANGKOK.—On demand	92½
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate	$9.55
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	—
BAR SILVER, per oz.	26 7/16

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